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Queen will pay full rates of income tax from April

■ The Queen's agreement to pay tax is voluntary and at her own instigation. A special exemption is intended to safeguard the capital assets of monarchy from being whittled away

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Queen is to pay full rates of income tax and capital gains tax on her private income from April. In a voluntary agreement almost a year in the making, the only significant concession she has won is an exemption from inheritance tax on what she hands on to her successor.

John Major, announcing the long-expected deal to the House of Commons yesterday, said that there could be no question of taxing assets, such as the royal palaces, the Crown jewels and the royal art collection, which the Queen owned as sovereign and not in a private capacity.

The Queen's agreement to pay tax had been voluntary and at her own instigation, but she had every intention that it should continue indefinitely, the prime minister said. The arrangements, drawn up by a working party from the royal household, the Treasury and the Inland Revenue, mean that the Queen will pay no tax on income intended for her official duties, such as the Civil List and those revenues from the Duchy of Lancaster which she uses as working expenses. But she will pay the full rate on her private income, the size of which remains a well-guarded secret but which is chiefly the proceeds of a share portfolio calculated by *The Times* to be worth about £45 million.

The new arrangements also affect the Prince of Wales, whose Duchy of Cornwall income has until now been exempt, although since his marriage he has voluntarily given a quarter of the annual surplus to the Treasury. Now it will be taxed with allowances for expenses, most of it at the 40 per cent rate. The Duke of Edinburgh is not affected because his only income is from the Civil List.

The tax arrangements involve how the Royal Collection is run. One of the world's largest private art collections, it is regarded as a national treasure of which the Queen is custodian and will be administered by a charity, the Royal Collection Trust.

Like all other taxpayers, the Queen is guaranteed confidentiality in her tax affairs and there were no firm indications yesterday of what her total bill might be. What is clear, from guidelines drawn up by the Royal Trustees, is that almost all her working expenses, from staff pensions to palace flowers for official functions, will be allowable expenses. She may claim for uniforms but not for other clothes, although in her position a dress allowance might have been considered a reasonable concession.

At a press conference in the picture gallery of St James's Palace, the Earl of Airlie, the Lord Chamberlain, outlined the reasons for the Queen's offer to pay tax. "It has been increasingly apparent over the last few years that a growing emphasis on royal wealth, tax and the Civil List, particularly during a period of recession, was tending to obscure and distort the contribution made by the Queen to our national life," he said.

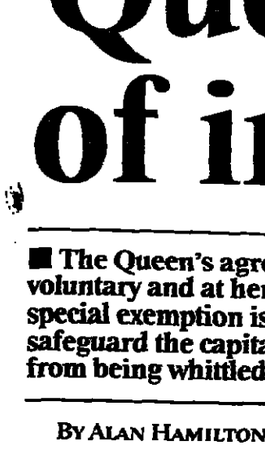
"This emphasis on the financial side derives, to some extent at least, from estimates of the Queen's private funds, often ranging from one hundred million to billions of pounds. Her Majesty has authorised me to say that even the lowest of these estimates is grossly overstated."

John Major told the Commons, in reply to questions from John Smith, the Labour leader, that without the inheritance tax concession on property passed directly from sovereign to sovereign, there was a danger of the monarchy's assets being "salami-sliced" away.

The agreement means that the Queen's private estates of Sandringham and Balmoral may safely be passed on to her son, but she will pay council tax and running expenses will not be exempt unless official state business is involved.

The tax arrangements met with a general, if muted, welcome in the Commons. Mr Smith praised the royal family for making the initiative, and Simon Hughes, for the Liberal Democrats, said that the move was principled and enhanced the status of the royal family.

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TONY WHITE



OHMS: the Queen visiting a community centre in central London yesterday. She refused a game of snooker

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Bart's given a life support reprieve

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S Hospital is to be spared under the government's review of London's health care, the cabinet decided yesterday.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, will announce the reprieve for the 900-year-old hospital next week when she responds to the Tomlinson report on the capital's hospital and family-doctor service. She has been persuaded to spare the axe by a vociferous campaign by Bart's staff and patients led by the Duke of Gloucester, the hospital's honorary president. Several Conservative MPs also backed the campaign.

Bart's will not survive in its entirety, however, and the range of services it provides will be reduced.

Mrs Bottomley will sugar the health-care pill by announcing a multimillion-pound package to replace inner London's many spartan, single-handed general practices with modern group practices staffed and equipped to fill the void left by hospital cutbacks.

Although she has promised a "tough, cool" reaction to the report calling for the closure or merger of 15 hospitals, her response will be widely interpreted as a retreat from the hardline recommendations of the original report. "It won't be a fudge, but it won't be clearcut either," one source said. A health official added: "There will not be a new Japanese bank built on the [Bart's] Smithfield site."

Mrs Bottomley and her cabinet colleagues have been intent on avoiding a repetition of the pit closures debacle in framing their response to the report. At the same time, she has been anxious to demonstrate that she is not a soft touch for vested interests.

Strike at Leyland 'would threaten all jobs'

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ALL 5,500 jobs at the troubled Leyland DAF lorry company will be at risk if unions call a strike, the administrative receivers warned last night.

Some 1,700 workers, almost a third of the total, are expected to be declared redundant today as the receivers seek to cut costs and restart production. Their warning against industrial action was contained in a letter handed to all employees after mass meetings at which they approved a ballot over strike action.

Derek Bullen, convenor at the lorry plant in Leyland where 2,200 staff work, said employees had been kept in the dark by the receivers. "We have been forced into this position," he said.

The letter from Murdoch McKillop, one of the joint receivers, said that 30 per cent of the workforce would be made redundant "in the near future". A strike would force him to lay off, without pay, those who would have been kept in work, and cancel orders placed on Monday for parts needed to resume production. "If there is strike action then all 5,500 jobs with Leyland DAF will most likely be lost, with a knock-on effect to suppliers," he said.

Earlier, leaders of the three main unions representing Leyland DAF workers, the engineering union AEEU, the general union TGWU and MSF, the technical union, flew to The Netherlands for meetings with Cor Baan, the president of the company's collapsed Anglo-Dutch parent group DAF, and Dutch union leaders. DAF administrators have already warned that up to half the 6,500 jobs at plants in The Netherlands and Belgium may be lost.

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Test team bowled by Chinese

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND PETER BALL

GRAHAM Gooch, Mike Gatting and Robin Smith, England's three senior batsmen, all missed at least some of the first day of the second Test against India in Madras yesterday because dietary advice from a London specialist was ignored.

Gooch was forced to withdraw from the game, while Gatting and Smith hope to play today after spending yesterday recuperating from food poisoning following a meal of either prawns or chicken from a Chinese restaurant in their five-star hotel. Gooch and Gatting suffered diarrhoea after eating prawns while dining with a party of 10 people. Smith became ill after eating chicken he had ordered in his room.

Dr Tony Hall, who accompanied the England team to India for the 1987 World Cup and works at the London Hospital of Tropical Diseases, sent the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) an advice sheet before Christmas. In it he wrote: "Do not eat in Chinese or French restaurants because food poisoning often occurs." On food and drinks to be avoided, Dr Hall listed "fish, especially shell fish".

Bob Bennett, the tour manager, last night declined to confirm whether the party had been given all the guidelines from Dr Hall. But the TCCB insisted that they had been circulated to the team at the start of the tour. However, at least one player did not recollect any reference to Chinese restaurants on the list.

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Gunman hijacks Airbus

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN NEW YORK

MORE than a thousand police and FBI agents staked out John F. Kennedy airport last night as a hijacked German airliner with 104 passengers and crew headed west across the Atlantic.

The airliner was taken over in Austrian air space by a lone gunman whose identity remained a mystery. At first he was thought to be a Bosnian but later the city police department said he was a man "of Arab extraction with a Norwegian passport". He apparently wanted to put his case on the future of Bosnia to the United Nations which is trying to bring peace to the former Yugoslav republic.

The man diverted the Lufthansa Airbus 310, en route from Frankfurt to Cairo and Addis Ababa, and demanded to be flown to New York. The plane stopped to refuel in Hanover.

A Protestant minister from Belfast and three churchgoers are on board.

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The baroness is not for supervising

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher has again defied convention by being allowed access to confidential Downing Street papers relating to her 11 years in power. In a highly unusual move, the Cabinet Office has allowed the former prime minister to remove the documents from No 10 and study them at home. The decision is likely to cause some raised eyebrows among her predecessors.

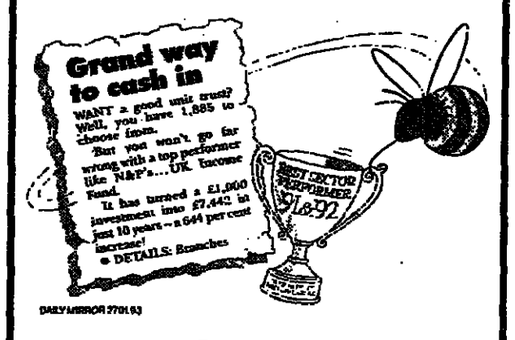
In the past, prime ministers intent on refreshing their memories or drafting their memoirs have been required to make notes and conduct their research under the watchful eye of a Downing Street official. However, this rule has been waived in Lady Thatcher's case as she prepares the first volume of her memoirs for publication in the autumn.

Downing Street said: "Some arrangements have been made for Lady Thatcher to do research on certain of her official papers in her own premises, which are, of course, protected and the Cabinet Office have been satisfied about the security arrangements." It is understood that the strict security that surrounds Lady Thatcher at her office and home in Belgravia is one factor behind the relaxation of the rule. She is accompanied by armed guards whenever she sets foot outside the door.

It is also being pointed out that as the longest-serving prime minister this century, and one of the most industrious, she did acquire rather a lot of paper. The documents removed, which are covered by rules banning outright publication for at least 30 years, are not thought to be highly sensitive in security terms. The papers include minutes of her meetings with her cabinet colleagues and other ministers. They extend to transcripts of her conversations with former world leaders such as Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

The first volume of Lady Thatcher's memoirs, covering her years in No 10, is to be published by Harper Collins just before this year's Conservative party conference in October.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Billericay's finest speaks up for a short, sharp chop

Its finger, as ever, on the pulse of world events, the House of Commons yesterday discussed the Gloucestershire County Council's budget, the tax status of the Royal Yacht, the temperature of deep freezes in Torquay hotels, and proposals for cutting the goolies off Billericay rapists.

We start with goolies: Mrs Gorman's word, not ours.

Or is it? A problem the biographers of Teresa Gorman (C, Billericay) will face is that it is difficult to know when the MP herself is speaking, and when the voice is that of the Billericay Conservative Association.

Teresa Gorman is a theoretical intellect, and a woman. In Billericay, where knuckles are hairy and Proust is hardly read, they have little time for philosophy and none for philosophical women. In Billericay, an ethics girl would be one who does not believe in extra-marital sex.

Yet Mrs G is proud of her constituents, and wants to please them while remaining true to herself. Most MPs do this by occupying a mid-point between their constituents' beliefs and their own. Mrs Gorman is different. On Mondays and Wednesdays she is Teresa, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays she is Billericay.

Of one whose tongue has been loosened by drink we may say it's the beer talking. Of Mrs Gorman we may sometimes say it's the Billericay talking.

The real Teresa is passionately anti-state. Her parliamentary notepaper is headed with a quote from Frédéric Bastiat beginning: "The state is the great fiction ..." When (some months ago) Mrs G found herself proposing a bill requiring immigrants to take an oath of allegiance, it was the Billericay talking.

When, on Wednesday, she told ministers that Britain should learn from Poland, where government was falling apart, taxes went uncollected, laws were unenforceable, and the economy was booming ... it was the Teresa talking.

And when, yesterday, she told the home secretary that British judges were too soft on rapists and "perhaps we should do something more drastic, like cutting their goolies off", it was the Billericay talking.

Poor Charles Wardle, the minister deputed to deal with Mrs Billericay, all but crossed his legs then sank beneath a sea of giggles as he agreed that "stiffer sentences would be ..." — the rest was lost. Yet, if Home Office questions did not always rise to the level the subject demands, questions to the prime minister did not even try.

John Smith wittered away without conviction about the level of crime, various MPs tried to interest the prime minister in discussing their local authority expenditure, Rupert Allason offered MPs a peek into the refrigerators of Torquay, where EC regulations require hoteliers to conduct a thrice-daily temperature check, and Raymond Robinson (C, Aberdeen S) asked a grovelling question which was so plainly a plant that this column's zoological enquiry, yesterday, about whether a frog can toady, now yields to a horticultural one: can a toad be planted?

Bosnia occupied MPs' thoughts for a moment, but they soon moved to something they understand: the idea of the Queen paying taxes.

Tony Benn said this was his idea. Dennis Skinner said Her Majesty was carrying out his own command, conveyed via Black Rod. Many Tories thought the plans had been forced on her by ignorant public opinion. That the Queen's proposals might come from the Queen was hardly considered.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Letting their feet do the talking: members of the Ramblers' Association took to the Pennine Way in West Yorkshire yesterday to mark the launch of a campaign in Hebden Bridge for a law to give walkers access to 13 million acres of privately owned, uncultivated countryside without fear of being turned off as trespassers

Driving school drops Rover in £400m deal for Vauxhall imports

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S biggest driving school has ended its policy of buying Rover cars and will spend £400 million on models built in Spain.

The British School of Motoring said yesterday that it would buy about 50,000 cars from Vauxhall over the next ten years in one of the biggest single fleet orders in the motor industry.

Vauxhall, the British arm of General Motors, the American multinational, will supply the new Corsa model, a small hatchback that goes on sale in the UK in April. The car is built at a GM plant in Zaragoza, Spain, and about 5,000 will be shipped to the UK each year.

The deal ends a long relationship between BSM and Rover and comes at a time when the competition between the big car manufacturers has never been tougher.

Car companies say that many learner drivers go on to buy the car they first learnt in. Rover started supplying BSM with Metro models in 1980 and the car has rarely been out of the list of top ten best sellers during that time.

Losing such a large fleet contract to a direct rival will be a blow to Rover, which struggled to maintain sales last year as competition increased. The company's market share fell to 13.5 per cent from nearly 14.5 per cent in 1991. Apart from the Metro, BSM could have chosen British-made cars such as Ford's Fiesta, from Dagenham, Essex, Nissan's Micra from Washington, Tyne and Wear, or Peugeot's 306, soon to come from the French company's plant at Ryton, Warwickshire.

Richard Glover, BSM's managing director, said yesterday: "The contract we had with Rover was due for renewal so we investigated thoroughly where we wanted to go with our next purchasing decision.

"The association we have is with Vauxhall UK, which is part of General Motors, which sources its cars from many areas of its network in Europe. The point is that the Corsa is a car which we believe will suit our needs perfectly. We have crawled all over it and it is very good."

The new deal will not just be for 1.2-litre and 1.4-litre cars. The relationship is expected to help both companies to expand into new areas.

BSM was the subject of a management buyout about two years ago and the management team is thought to have been attracted to the financial and marketing support that Vauxhall offered as part of the contract.

Vauxhall sells an estimated 150,000 cars to company fleets every year. BSM believes it will be able to use that as a lever to offer advanced driver training to companies that buy Vauxhalls.

There are also plans to take road and car education into schools to try to alert children to the dangers of driving before they are old enough to get behind the wheel. Such a move would also alert youngsters to the names of BSM and Vauxhall when they come to learn to drive.

☐ Peugeot yesterday issued sacking notices to 3,500 workers refusing to accept shorter tea breaks on the assembly lines at Ryton.

The notices, sent to all production workers, warn them that their contracts of employment would be terminated on June 20. Workers who report on June 21 will be offered new contracts containing cuts of an hour a week in rest periods.

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Porter quits council to tackle new LBC job

BY RACHEL KELLY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

DAME Shirley Porter has resigned as a Westminster councillor to devote more time to her new role as chairman of LBC, the London commercial radio station that last month became effectively controlled by Porter family interests.

She denied accusations from Labour councillors that she may be leaving to avoid the ignominy of being forced to resign later this year.

The district auditor is near to completing a three-year investigation into the running of the council under Dame Shirley's leadership and Labour councillors suggest that she will be reprimanded for her role as leader between 1983 and 1991.

The enquiry is investigating allegations that, to guarantee a Tory victory in the 1990 elections, the council used millions of pounds to finance a housing policy aimed at underpinning Tory support in eight marginal seats.

Peter Bradley, deputy leader of the Labour group, said: "We are entitled to suspect that this resignation may be a damage limitation exercise."

Dame Shirley, travelling on a lecture tour in America, was unavailable for comment but her office said her resignation had nothing to do with the report. Her spokesman, Roger Rosewell, said that Dame Shirley, 62, was leaving because of her appointment this month as LBC chairman.

The new controllers of LBC are John Porter, Dame Shirley's son, and Matthew Cartisser, his partner. Dame Shirley's family company, Chelverton Investments, took a 49 per cent stake last month.

"Dame Shirley feels that her work with LBC and her other commitments will take up more and more of her life and she will be able to give less and less time to the council," Mr Rosewell said.

Dame Shirley also heads TCET, a company that runs anti-smoking programmes, and is president of the European Tourism and Environment Standing Conference.

Mr Rosewell said that the district auditor had interviewed Dame Shirley only for "background purposes". Labour retained "incredible bitterness" at its 1990 defeat.

Big guns line up on both sides of Maastricht divide

Whips use delay to turn Tory rebels

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Maastricht bill will not return to the Commons until the week after next, ministers disclosed yesterday as they began a lengthy campaign to weaken the will of Tory MPs planning to line up with Labour over the social chapter.

For the second week in succession there will be no debates on the European communities (amendment) bill as ministers bide their time before the crucial vote on amendment 27. Senior ministers stressed yesterday that the government was in no hurry, given their pledge not to hold the third reading of the bill until after the Danish referendum on May 18.

The bill returns for one day on Monday week, but it could be after Easter before the crucial decision on the social chapter, a potential timebomb under the treaty, is taken. The whips intend to use all the efforts at their disposal to whittle down the rebellion. However, all the signs are that if the vote were to be taken soon, the government would be defeated.

Some of the leading rebels gave clear hints on their tactics yesterday. Nicholas Winterton (MP for Macclesfield) said: "Obviously I am seeking the best possible political and legal advice on the effect of amendment 27. I don't believe the bill is in the interests of the UK. If it [amendment 27] wrecks the treaty, that is splendid."

Richard Shepherd (Aldridge Brownhills), said: "Both Douglas Hurd and Lord Tebbit have made clear the government cannot ratify the treaty if the amendment is passed. It would be a vote against the treaty.

"The government's difficulty is that it has no mandate on this. Its problem would be solved if it called a referendum. I will not vote for the Labour amendment if we get a referendum," said Mr Shepherd. The implication that he would vote for it if he did not get a referendum was clear.

Tebbit will carry fight to the Lords

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SINCE storming last autumn's Conservative party conference with his rallying call against Maastricht, Lord Tebbit has received more than 10,000 letters of support.

Doubts about the treaty throughout the European Community in recent months have merely reinforced his conviction that he is right and that John Major's government is wrong. His rallying call to Conservative MPs on Wednesday to vote for Labour's social chapter amendment in the hope of wrecking the "foul abomination" of the treaty will not be his last.

Next Wednesday he is due to deliver his maiden speech in the House of Lords in a debate on the constitutional implications of the treaty. By convention, it is meant to be a rather bland, courteous affair. But, like Baroness Thatcher, Lord Tebbit is likely to pay scant regard to the sensibilities of fellow peers.

He counters allegations of treachery and hypocrisy by saying that he is the one who is loyal to the Conservative party and that he understands Tory voters, while the government is wrong on Europe.

During the last general election campaign he brushed aside medical advice by going on the campaign trail. Afterwards he went into hospital for another major operation, what he calls a "patch-up job". When his recovery sidelined him for several weeks and he was made a life peer, the Conservative party hierarchy wrote him off — until he galvanised October's conference.

He has never made any pretence of being an establishment figure. As a street fighter, now glorying in his own devilment, he devoted his skills to inspiring so-called C2 voters to back the Thatcher governments. Many in his own party now complain that he is using those same black arts to undermine the Major government.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two men held over British Council fraud

Two men have been arrested in connection with an investigation into more than £500,000 missing from the British Council's accounts. The police were called in after senior officials of the cultural organisation discovered that large sums of money had been channelled through fictitious accounts. The investigation is centring on the Christmas period, when a number of cheques to be sent abroad were issued by electronic transfer. Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday that both men had been arrested on Wednesday and bailed until March 18. One of the men, aged 60, was arrested in Southampton. The other, aged 55, was arrested at his home in London. Neither has ever worked for the British Council, which has an annual budget of £408 million and employs 6,000 people around the world.

Couple killed in cottage

Police yesterday launched a murder investigation after a couple were found shot dead at their home in Wadhurst, East Sussex. Harry Fuller, 45, was found downstairs in the 17th-century cottage and his wife Nicola, 27, upstairs when police broke in. They were alerted by Mrs Fuller's father who became concerned when he was unable to contact the couple, who had not been seen since Tuesday. There was no evidence of a break-in and police are working on the theory that the couple knew their killer.

Mirror votes to strike

Journalists at Mirror Group Newspapers have voted in favour of striking over the ending of freelance shifts and the sacking of several staff. Out of 122 votes cast, 60 per cent were in favour of strike action. In a separate vote, 79 per cent backed industrial action short of a strike on a turnout of 124. The management has until Tuesday to open talks.

Woman takes top job



Ann Elizabeth Bowtell, right, principal establishment and finance officer at the Department of Health since 1990, has become the first woman to be appointed First Civil Service Commissioner. Mrs Bowtell, 54, who graduated from Girton College, Cambridge, will be responsible for recruiting civil servants for senior jobs in Whitehall. She is married with two sons and two daughters.

Parents of 20 killed

A family of 20 in the Irish Republic have lost their parents in a car crash. Martin Reilly, 50, and his wife Mary Kate, 48, from Drumshanbo in co. Leitrim, died instantly when their car hit a lorry loaded with 25 tons of stone near the town on Wednesday. The couple had 12 girls and eight boys. The youngest is two and the eldest about 30.

New Statesman action

John Major and Clare Latimer, a caterer, have settled their libel action against two of the parties they sued over articles linking them. The terms of an apology and damages offered by the printers of New Statesman & Society, BPCC Magazines (Colchester) and John Menzies, the distributor, will be disclosed in the High Court today.

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TA woman on secrets charges stays in solitary confinement

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN Intelligence Corps officer is to remain in solitary confinement at a military prison during an investigation into alleged breaches of the Official Secrets Act. She is accused of making unauthorised visits to a foreign state and having a classified document in her briefcase.

Details of the case of Captain Carole Maychell, 34, a Territorial Army officer working full time with the Intelligence Corps, emerged yesterday after two High Court judges, Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Clarke, ruled that she should remain in custody.

Lord Justice Kennedy said he was satisfied that there had not been "excessive delay, let alone oppressive delay" in dealing with her case so far. He expressed concern, however, after being told that the investigation would take another three months.

Fifty-two bags of documents were taken from Capt Maychell's home in Morecambe, Lancashire, when she was arrested on November 22 last year. Last week, the judges rejected her application for a writ of habeas corpus and a judicial review of the army's decision to hold her pending a full investigation.

Lord Justice Kennedy said yesterday that the court was troubled by the length of time it had taken to go through the seized documents.

Capt Maychell was invited on November 21 to travel from her home for an interview in London and was then placed under close arrest. She admitted two unauthorised visits to a foreign state.

The judge said it was claimed that she had been inconsistent in what she had told the authorities. She was refused bail after her commanding officer suggested she would "flee" if released. The two unauthorised visits to a foreign state were the reason for her arrest, with the alleged theft of army property. The judge said such allegations could "hardly be a basis for a prolonged holding of a person such as this lady in close custody".

Capt Maychell was being held at Colchester military prison "in what has amounted really almost to solitary confinement because there is no other prisoner with her". The judge said that the next review of the decision to keep her in custody would take place at the beginning of next month, 100 days after her close arrest began.

On November 29, two charges were signed by her commanding officer, relating to the two unauthorised visits. She needed her commanding officer's approval for the visits and it was alleged she admitted going without permission.

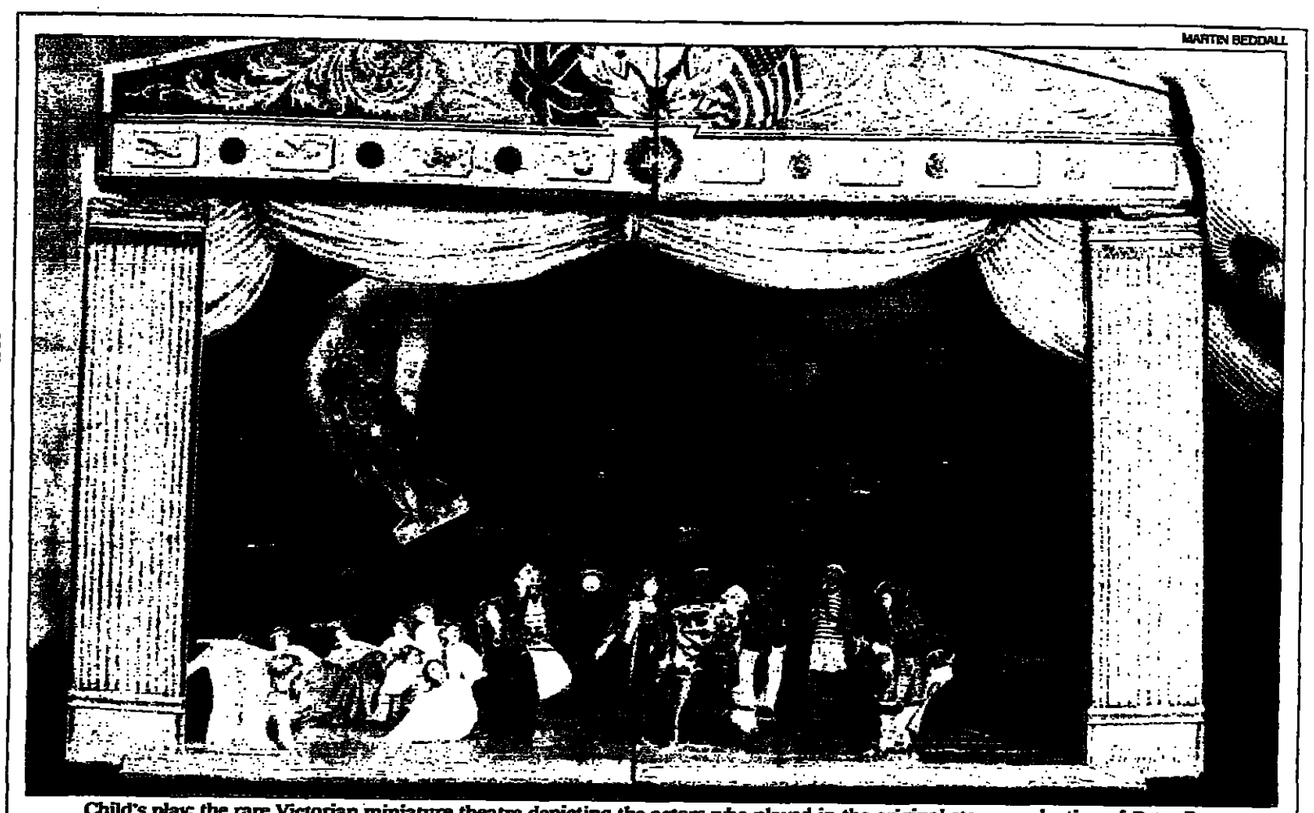
To initiate the charges under the Official Secrets Act, the Ministry of Defence resorted to section 70 of the 1955 Army Act, which allows military personnel to be charged with a civilian offence.

The judge said that, under the Army Act, the authorities were bound to conduct their enquiries without delay. Although Capt Maychell was no doubt being properly cared for, being in custody would be disconcerting.

Mr Justice Clarke said: "At present, I would not hold that the detention is oppressive, but the stage may well come in the not too distant future when it would be right to hold that the detention is oppressive and therefore unlawful."

The judgment and hearing were in camera. Only an edited version of the judgment was released.

As a TA captain permanently assigned to the Intelligence Corps, based in Ashford, Kent, Capt Maychell would have had access to classified material. She is believed to have travelled to Russia. Her solicitor described the charges as trivial and said that it was unreasonable for her to be under close arrest.



Child's play: the rare Victorian miniature theatre depicting the actors who played in the original stage production of *Peter Pan*

Real Peter Pan is unmasked

BY SARAH JANE CHECKLAND
ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

A NEW name is being mooted as the inspiration for Peter Pan. He was not, as commonly assumed, Peter Llewellyn Davies, of Knightsbridge, west London, who tired so much of press interest in him as Peter Pan that he hurled himself under a train in the 1960s. According to Michael Ludgrove, of Bonhams, "Peter" was based on Bevil Quiller-Couch, son of the author Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch.

Mr Ludgrove, head of Bonhams' books department, offers as evidence an archive of material relating to J.M. Barrie that will be sold at Bonhams on March 10.

A highlight of the archive is a battered album full of photographs taken in Cornwall of five-year-old Bevil in shorts and spats, accompanied by Barrie's St Bernard dog Porthos (who was the prototype for the dog Nana in *Peter Pan*). Taken on a jaunt on New Year's day 1895, the photographs were used by Barrie to illustrate an adventure story he wrote for Bevis. It was called "The Pippa & Porthos", "The Pippa" being Barrie's nickname for Bevil.

Barrie once said that Bevis Quiller-Couch was "my favourite boy in the wide, wide world". Like many of Barrie's young male friends, Bevil was to die young. Having served in the first world war, in November 1918 he met his fiancée in Paris on Armistice Day. When he returned to his regiment, he contracted pneumonia and died aged 29.

The album is expected to fetch up to £10,000. The sale also includes the "Peter Pan Theatre": a rare Victorian child's theatre fashioned in wood and cardboard, its cut-out characters prints of the actors who played in the original stage production of *Peter Pan*.



Artist's models: Porthos and Bevil Quiller-Couch

Pilot tells court how lover died

A FRENCH pilot accused of murdering his wealthy lover told an Old Bailey jury yesterday how the widow's son had stabbed her through the heart.

Gaeton Beissy, 57, told the court how Carolyn Taylor, a millionaire's widow, died in his arms in the kitchen of the home they shared in South Holmwood, Surrey, after being beaten and stabbed.

The prosecution alleged that M Beissy murdered his lover, whom he met in Corsica while she was on holiday with her daughter to recover from the death of her husband. M Beissy denied murdering Mrs Taylor in a jealous rage on July 15, 1991, after telling her son Mark, 25, she had been "sleeping around".

He said through an interpreter that on the morning of the killing, he and Mrs Taylor were woken at about 6am by Mark Taylor, who was talking excitedly. He said Mrs Taylor told him to leave the bedroom while she talked to her son. He went outside and returned later to find the mother and son in the kitchen.

He said Mr Taylor was on the telephone to the doctor: "Her face seemed to have been battered with punches. She was trying to push past Mark. There was a knife near the telephone. Mark picked the knife up.

"At the same time, Carolyn screamed. She didn't say anything. She just screamed. She turned herself around and held on to the breakfast bar. She took two steps towards me. I held her up. I held her behind her head and had my other hand round her body. Then I helped her to collapse."

The trial continues today.

WPCs accuse men of sex harassment

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CONTROVERSIAL research on harassment of police women was published yesterday by Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, and individual officers described their experiences and blamed not only colleagues but inept or uncaring senior officers who never took strong action.

After the report was released in the House of Commons yesterday the Home Office denied there had been any attempt to keep it secret. Material in the research suggests up to 6 per cent of 15,000 police women in England and Wales may have been seriously assaulted.

An experienced woman constable said she had discovered male colleagues were regular peeping toms, watching her change in a station locker room. She was told by a senior officer that she should be flattered by the attention. The men were ticked off, she was subjected to ridicule and had to move.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said that when she moved stations she found one of her seniors still making jokes about the incident. Other senior officers told her they were critical of the way the case had been handled. Earlier in her career, she was held in a chair by officers who had been drinking and her breasts were fondled.

"Can you imagine what they would feel if their wives or girl friends were subjected to a peeping tom?" she asked. "The job backed them up. It comes down to the supervisors. No one wants to be seen to be standing up for WPCs. We shot ourselves in the foot when we went for equality. We are never going to get it."

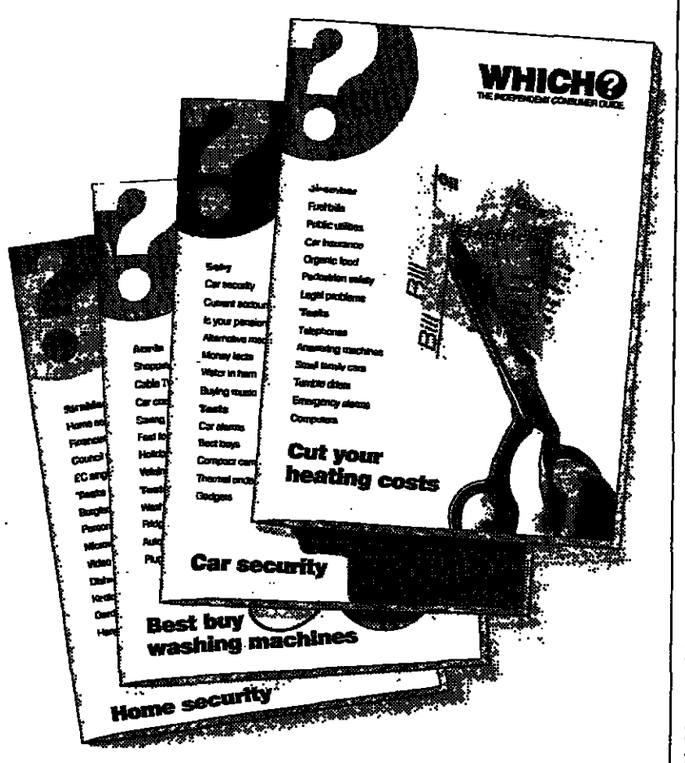
Sergeant Judy Redford, secretary of the women's section of the Police Federation of the Metropolitan police, described joining the police in the 1970s as a 19-year-old and, in an initiation ceremony, having her bust marked with a station stamp on her first night of duty. Sgt Redford believed such harassment no longer existed but she felt many senior officers lacked the ability to handle minor problems using grievance procedures, and simply turned the matter, however minor, into a discipline issue.

A WPC said she had moved from CID duties in south London in the past year after suffering constant harassment that included being fondled and having tampons and birth-control pills scattered round the office. She told a senior officer and moved to another station, but later returned. The harassment restarted and she left when her senior officer said she would have to put up with the problems if she wanted to do CID work.

Baden Skitt, chief constable of Hertfordshire and head of a chief constables' committee on equal opportunities, said: "It does not surprise me because women, outnumbered as they are in the police force or any other large organisation, are likely to find themselves in difficulties in this arena."

He said the scale of the problem had been realised only recently and new policies had been introduced in a drive to counter sexual harassment. "The truth is until recently we did not know the size of the problem we had," he said.

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Lecturers must reveal liaisons with students

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

A PRIME source of university common room gossip is in danger, for under a draft code of conduct published today by the Association of University Teachers (AUT), lecturers will be required to declare all sexual and romantic relationships with students.

Staff embarking on consensual relationships with students are entering territory fraught with ethical problems rooted in their unequal power, the code says. They should immediately inform "appropriate colleagues and superiors" and stop teaching the object of their affections.

The code, which is being debated by the union's 31,000 members, says students who believe they are being pressured into sex or harassed by lecturers should have the right to complain.

The union leadership, attempting to head off vocal demands from some members for an outright ban on such relationships, stresses the move is not an invasion of lecturers' privacy but addresses a problem that can impinge on other students and colleagues.

"The AUT regards consensual sexual relationships between staff and students as an important professional issue. They raise serious questions of conflict of interest, of trust, confidence and dependency in working relations and of equal treatment in teaching, learning, selection, assessment and research," says the code.

David Triesman, AUT general secretary, said: "We want to help students and members before and during what sometimes can be difficult situations. We are not in the business of imposing rules and regulations. This is a complex and sensitive issue which is naturally of interest and concern to students, parents and all our members."

Bradford University AUT, which has led calls for a ban on relationships between staff and students, has already prepared a tougher code for its own authorities.

Teacher accused of smuggling heroin weeps in Thai court

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

SANDRA Gregory, an English teacher accused of trying to smuggle heroin worth £24,000 out of Thailand, broke down and wept when she appeared in a Bangkok court yesterday with her co-defendant Robert Lock.

Miss Gregory, 27, from Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, who went to Thailand two years ago to teach, had earlier sobbed on her way to court: "Mum I love you. Dad I love you, I love you."

Stan and Doreen Gregory, from Aberdeen, were last night flying to the Thai capital, where their daughter was arrested on Saturday for allegedly carrying 150 grams of heroin in a condom inside her rectum as she and her companion prepared to board a plane to Tokyo.

At the end of the brief hearing Mr Lock, 29, from Cambridge, who is said to be denying the charge, and Miss Gregory were bound over for seven days. Thailand retains the death penalty for drug traffickers, but the pair are likely to face sentences of between 20 and 40 years if convicted. No pardon or remission has ever been granted to a foreigner convicted of drug charges in Thailand, although Britons may be transferred to British jails after eight years.

In a tearful BBC radio interview in her cell on Wednesday, Miss Gregory allegedly admitted smuggling. She said: "They have got me. They have got photographs. I have admitted it. I was stupid. I have made a mistake. I needed the money. I wanted some money to go home and it sounded so easy."

In her holding cell before the hearing, she added that she had contracted dengue fever before Christmas and lost weight. "I've been so sick. I wanted to get home to see my family," she said.

After her arrest, Miss Gregory contacted the British embassy, which recommended a lawyer but he had not appeared, she said. Thai police were pressuring her to sign a confession written in Thai and she needed legal advice.

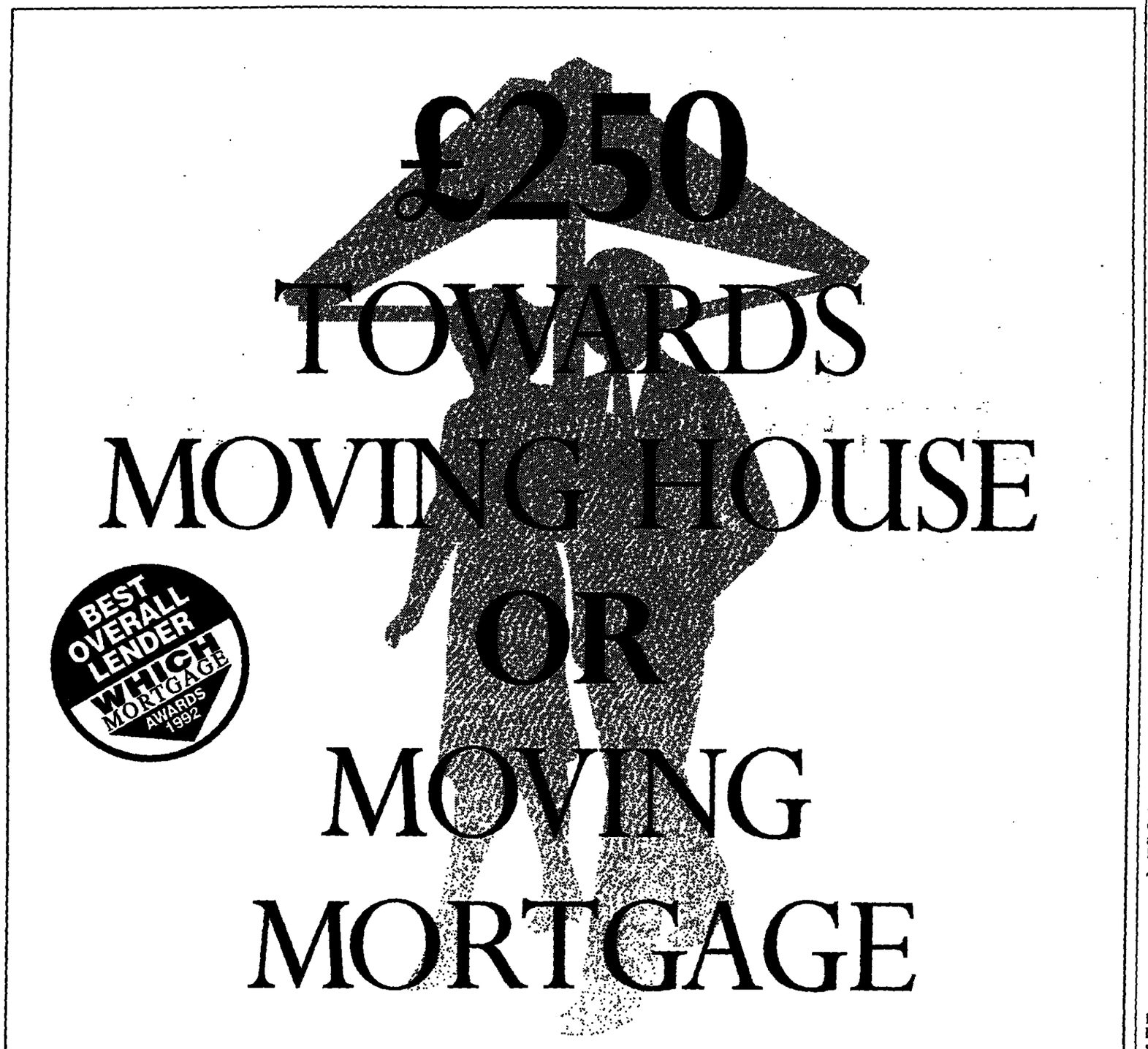
After the court hearing, she was taken to Klongprem women's prison, where Patricia Cahill, 19, and Karyn Smith, 20, are serving 18 and 25-year sentences for attempting to smuggle 26 kilograms of heroin, worth £4 million, out of Thailand in 1990.

Stephen Jakobi, a solicitor for Fair Trials Abroad, which campaigns on behalf of Britons charged overseas, said the harshness of any prison sentence depended on the amount of pure heroin that was carried.

Embassy officials will visit the accused couple today. Diplomats, who were not in court, were trying to contact Miss Gregory's lawyer. A spokesman added that it was understood Mr Lock did not ask for a lawyer.



Accused: Robert Lock and Sandra Gregory on their way to court in Bangkok yesterday after their arrest at the city's airport



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Tropical paradise a minefield for misguided tourists

BY DAVID WATTS

THEY call it the stork and frog game. The frogs are the drug couriers who carry the vast quantities of heroin flowing from the borders of Burma and Laos through Bangkok to Western markets.

For the stork — the Thai police authority wanting to put on a good show for drug-conscious Western governments — it is often hard to spot which frog is carrying the drugs. Sometimes it is made easy with a friendly tip from someone with an interest in keeping the police busy while a more important shipment goes through.

Often the authorities are heavily implicated. More than one former Thai prime minister has built a handsome provincial villa on the proceeds of the drug trade.

Thailand society is tolerant of drugs. Principles and morals are for those who can afford them. Like most of the developing world, it is a country where, if you have no connections, you get by on your wits.

A police officer on £100 a month can supplement his income with bribes — or at least could do so in more gentle times. Now, with Thailand booming and prices soaring, business is getting rougher and extortion is more likely to be the name of the game.

The young tourist from a background considered sophisticated lands in a seemingly relaxed tropical paradise. The cheap flophouses are alive with travellers bubbling with the excitement of their discoveries. But they are also prime territory for drug traffickers and police agents alike.

Police officers can make huge sums, by Thai standards, if the target decides to give in to extortion when drugs are "found" in a hotel room. Equally, there may be a promotion if a "bust" comes to court with satisfactory results.

The bars along Patpong red-light district, with their nude dancers, seem equally to reflect this uncomplicated lifestyle, but mask a streetwise sophistication of their own of which new Western arrivals are totally unaware. The drugs are easily available from friendly people who genuinely seem to want to give you a good time, but a tip to the police on an unsuspecting frog can set up a Thai for life with the possibility of a reward from the police and a pay-off from a big trafficker into the bargain.

Western drug intelligence officers work hard, often with great courage, following the traffic, but they are necessarily going after the big players and must take care not to offend the authorities of a country which is supremely proud of having avoided colonisation by both East and West.

A misguided tourist is only a tiny fragment of a game that was once at the very centre of the distant struggle against communism in Asia, but which now comes into the heart of every large Western city.

Partridge in a rare sanctuary

EVEN allowing for the 12 hours he had just spent on a stuffy flight from Pakistan, the man in baggy trousers looked pained.

But it was not until he shuffled awkwardly through the "nothing to declare" channel at Heathrow airport that customs officials discovered the cause of his discomfort: two live partridges.

The "amateur" smuggler had wrapped the grey francolins in plastic bags and suspended them on lengths of string, which he controlled from his pockets. The Pakistani national was arrested as he waited for a connecting flight to Birmingham. His cargo was confiscated and put into quarantine.

The birds have been acquired by Rode Bird Sanctuary near Frome, Somerset, where they will go on show to the public next month.

A Customs and Excise spokesman said yesterday: "This man had misguidedly tried to smuggle the birds into the country wrapped in plastic bags and stuffed down his trousers. Officers spotted him walking around in a strange way. It's hardly surprising, really. This is certainly one of the most bizarre cases we have had to deal with. Both birds have fighting 'hooks' on the backs of their claws, which suggests they may have been used for fighting."

Aid worker flies home after ruling

A BRITISH charity worker who was facing six years in an African jail for allegedly stealing diamonds was flying home last night after his sentence was overturned.

Phil McLean, 39, has spent seven months fighting to escape the prison term after he was convicted of stealing two stones worth £250,000 last year. Magistrates in Gambia found him guilty in July of taking them from a local witch-doctor called Pateh Bowero.

But Mr McLean, of Weymouth, Dorset, said he was set up by the tribal chief who gave him topaz to bring back to Britain to be valued. He was granted leave to appeal to the Gambian Supreme Court on bail of £6,000, provided he did not leave the country.

His girl friend Lyn Cummins, 32, of Eastleigh, Hampshire, flew to Africa with her life savings to help him. The appeal was adjourned on eight separate hearings during the past seven months involving nearly 50 court appearances.

A judge at the Gambian Supreme Court overturned the sentence yesterday and returned Mr McLean's passport. "I am delighted. I will be catching the first plane I can find home to England. At last justice has been done," Mr McLean said after the hearing. He is due home today.

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Men ignore safe-sex creed and spread infectious diseases

By Kate Alderson

■ Grim statistical evidence indicates that the government's message about safe sex has failed to make an impact

THE safe-sex message of the 1980s is being ignored, according to two surveys released today. One says that HIV infection and gonorrhoea among homosexual men has increased, the other that a quarter of men who use prostitutes refuse to wear condoms and go on to have intercourse with their regular partners.

A paper published in the *British Medical Journal* today, *Safe Sex Is Out Of Fashion*, by the Public Health Laboratory Service, indicates that homosexual men are reversing the trend of practising safe sex. Cases of gonorrhoea, an infection reflecting levels of unprotected intercourse, increased by nearly 8 per cent in 1989 and by a further 4 per cent in 1990.

Hepatitis B infections doubled in homosexual men between 1989 and 1990, as did HIV infections in men aged 15 to 19 between 1990 and 1991. Incidence of HIV infection is highest among men in London. The authors say the study shows a consistent picture of behaviour changes among homosexual men that have led to continued spread of HIV. They conclude by calling for safe-sex information to be aimed at young homosexual men, especially in London.

A survey of the sexual habits of prostitutes, and the men who visit them, commissioned by the Department of Health, showed that 23 per cent had unprotected sex with them. Two-thirds of the men had a regular sexual partner, and a third admitted having other sexual partners and affairs. Only 13 per cent of the men used condoms every time they had sex and only 4 per cent said they used condoms with their regular partner.

Jean Faugier, a senior lecturer at the department of nursing, University of Manchester, last year questioned 150 prostitutes, 100 of whom were drug-takers, and 120 male clients in Greater Manchester. Eighty per cent of prostitutes in Manchester are drug takers.

Most of the men surveyed had responded to advertisements in local newspapers. Some were given a questionnaire by the police. Lengthy interviews were conducted with the prostitutes, often in their homes.

Ms Faugier said that the research, which is the first to concentrate on the habits of drug-taking prostitutes, confirmed the fear that safe sex was still not being practised. "We found that drug-taking prostitutes were willing to accept more money for unprotected sex to fund their habit. Two-thirds of these women said they had shared injecting equipment. Nearly all of the prostitutes have regular male partners, all of whom refused to use a condom."

The majority of the men surveyed said they did not like using condoms, despite being worried about the risks of HIV infection. "They just don't want to use them," Ms Faugier said. "The men are the most risky. Nothing is going to change until their behaviour does."

Only a quarter of the men had been for a venereal disease check and half of those discovered they had gonorrhoea. Sixteen per cent of the sample worked in the professions, 12 per cent were self-employed and 15 per cent were skilled workers. Despite being in a high-risk group, only 22 of the 120 men had been for a HIV test.

When asked why they used prostitutes, many men said they "got a buzz out of cruising for a prostitute" and they could "get them to do things their partners would not do". Ms Faugier said: "There is a feeling of power when the man goes onto the streets."

Most prostitutes had been in care as children. A fifth were homeless or living in squats and almost a fifth had become prostitutes before the age of 16.

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Joyrider, 11, boasts of crimes

By Ian Murray

A BOY aged 11 struts in front of television cameras in a Balaclava helmet to boast about his exploits driving stolen cars only hours after he was arrested for joyriding.

The boy is too young to be held in custody while waiting to appear before a juvenile panel. He was sent home in Hartlepool and arrived on Wednesday evening to watch a television crew filming the spot where he said he crashed after a police chase.

"There was no need for this damage," he said. "It was the police's fault. They rammed me and I am only 11."

Police confirmed later that he was already known to them for similar offences but said that he was only one of several young children who went joyriding "because they know that there is almost nothing we can do to punish them".

In Sunderland, police have resumed the search for a boy aged 13 who absconded from care. They suspect that he has been involved in 200 cases of joyriding.

Spelling mistakes blamed on phonic *teaching method*

By John O'Leary, Education Correspondent

SPELLING is improving in primary schools, a report says today. But the average 11-year-old still makes two mistakes in ten lines of writing.

By the age of 15, four out of ten children make no spelling errors in the same amount of writing. More than half the essays examined by the National Foundation for Educational Research contained fewer than two errors. About 6 per cent still have "severe problems" with spelling at 15, seriously handicapping their ability to communicate in writing.

The foundation's study, based on 1,600 scripts, showed girls to be better spellers than boys. Standards among 11-year-olds of both sexes were significantly better in 1988 than in 1979, when the study started. There was no change among 15-year-olds, whose scripts dated back to 1980 and 1983.

With reservations, the researchers consider the overall performance "quite good". They add: "When producing 'general writing', most 15-year-olds, indeed most 11-year-olds, can show a control of a great deal of the English spelling system. They make few errors, and most of the errors they make are slight and would not hinder communication."

Single-letter errors were commonest, among them *untill* for until, *occuring* for occurring, *definate* for definite and *freind* for friend. The researchers blamed an over-reliance on phonics for some of these. This judgment is likely to prove controversial, since phonics is the teaching method preferred by traditionalists most critical of reading and spelling standards.

The report recommends that if spelling lists are used, they should be organised by spelling patterns — for example, through, thorough, rough, bough, slough — and not according to sound — through, threw, do, blue, shoe.

☐ Only one private organisation is in the first list of contractors, announced yesterday by the Home Office, to provide education in prisons. Most of the 68 prisons and young offenders' institutions will be serviced by further education colleges.

Prison education, which costs £30 million a year, is being privatised to coincide with further education colleges becoming independent of local education authorities in April. Lecturers and prison groups feared the change would be a formula for education on the cheap.

Security firms and other companies were among the 154 bidders for contracts, but only Mill Wharf Education Services, an offshoot of the West Midlands Examination Board, succeeded.

☐ *Spelling It Out*, by Greg Brooks, Tom Gorman and Lesley Kendall (NFER, The Mere, Upton Park, Slough, Berkshire SL1 2DQ; £5)

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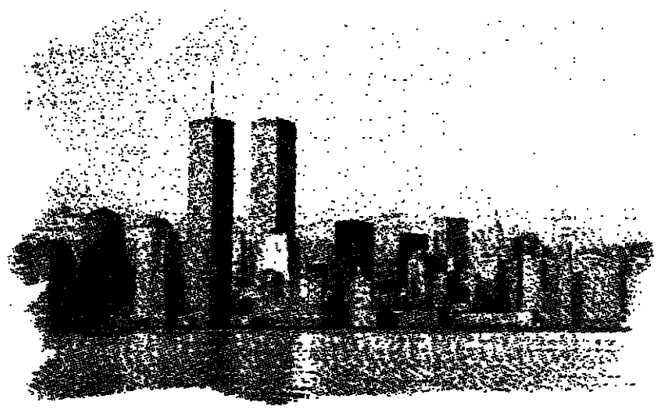
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How even the wealthiest in the land can lighten their load

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE Queen is likely to become one of the biggest income taxpayers in the country, but she has avoided inheritance tax of millions of pounds on anything she leaves to her successor.

Income and capital gains tax will begin to be paid from the new tax year on April 6, but unlike other investors she will not have to sell all her shares, worth about £50 million, and then buy them back to establish prices for capital gains tax purposes.

The April 6 price will be the base value for the tax, not the price when the shares were bought. "This will avoid major fluctuations on the stock market," said John Andrews, head of tax at Coopers & Lybrand.

Like other taxpayers, the Queen's annual exemption for capital gains tax will be £5,800. With such a large portfolio it will automatically be used up through normal dealing during the course of the year.

Her advisers would also be expected to make use of personal equity plans, which allow investors to put up to £9,000 a year into shares and unit trusts and pay no tax on any gains or income earned. Mr Andrews said: "While the queen has voluntarily agreed to pay tax, if she wishes to be treated as an ordinary taxpayer she will take prudent advice. But I do not think she will opt for a high risk business expansion scheme. I think her investments will be more conservative than that." Individuals are allowed to put up to £40,000 in the BES schemes before the end of 1993 and get tax relief at their top rate. Any gains are also free of capital gains tax.

Farming and racing studs are likely to play a more important part in the Queen's investment strategy. These do not generate a lot of profits and any losses can be set against gains elsewhere in her investment portfolio.

David Rothenberg, of chartered accountants Blick Rothenberg, expects the Queen's advisers to look at the enhanced agricultural buildings allowances available since the last budget. "It must be of interest to put buildings on her farmland if there are tax breaks to be had."

To make the most of inheritance tax avoidance on bequests to people other than her successor, the Queen could buy more agricultural land. As long as it is held for at least two years and is being actively farmed at the time of her death, it will be exempt from inheritance tax.

It would also be possible for her to make gifts now to avoid inheritance tax. Gifts made seven years or more before death are exempt from inheritance tax. Mr Rothenberg said: "The best inheritance tax advice would be to give what is chargeable to the tax to her successor and anything free of the tax to others."

Charities might benefit more from royal largess as, like other taxpayers, she will be able to use the gift aid scheme. Mr Rothenberg said: "If the Queen gave £1 million through gift aid, the charity would get £1.33 million and she would get a tax break of £200,000 to set against other income."

On a smaller scale, the Queen is likely to be advised to make full use of tax-free National Savings certificates. Both the fixed interest and index-linked certificates are free of tax. In addition to the £5,000 she can invest in both the investments, it is possible to buy a further holding in trust for her spouse and escape tax on these also. Baby bonds could be bought for each of the royal grandchildren. These allow £9 a month to be invested and the proceeds are tax-free.

Although already over the official retirement age, it would be possible for the Queen to put up to 40 per cent of her earnings up to £75,000 into a pension plan. The investment gets tax relief at her top rate and at maturity up to 25 per cent of the pension fund can be taken as a tax-free sum.

KPMG Peat Marwick, accountants of the Queen's privy purse, were maintaining a discreet silence last night. A spokesman said he could not make comments of any nature on the subject or tax avoidance.

Wild estimates spurred the palace to volunteer

BY ALAN HAMILTON

■ **The Queen hopes that paying tax will quell speculation about her personal wealth and contribute to the national exchequer**

THE Queen summoned her Lord Chamberlain, the urbane and silver-haired Lord Airlie, in February last year and put to him a most unusual request rarely heard to fall from the lips of the ordinary citizen. Would he look into ways in which the monarch, for more than 50 years free of virtually all liability to taxation, might voluntarily start to pay income tax?

The initiative was entirely the Queen's, and her reasons for wishing to be seen to share the average citizen's burden were not difficult to find. The nation was in deep recession: the politically astute monarch, well aware of the dangers to the Crown's popularity inherent in what appeared to be an embarrassment of wealth, saw the need to move with the times.

What particularly irritated and alarmed Her Majesty were the wild estimates appearing in the media at home and abroad of her supposed personal riches, with uninformed guesses reaching such heights as £6 billion. The Queen was also concerned at what seemed to be an almost total lack of public understanding of the difference between her public and private finances, and the growth of such misconceptions as the belief that the Royal Collection, one of the largest private assemblages of art in the world, was her personal property to sell or give away at her whim.

A working party was set up, with Lord Airlie, Sir Robert Fellowes, her private secretary, and Michael Peat, director of finance for the royal household, batting for the Queen. As the Prince of Wales had also asked to be included in the new tax arrangements, Richard Aylard, his private secretary and treasurer of his household, also took part.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, was consulted at key stages, but the Treasury team was led by Andrew Turnbull, second permanent secretary in charge of public expenditure. Senior officials of the Inland Revenue joined in.

One of the party's principal tasks was to establish what income formed the working expenses of being the head of state, and what was entirely the Queen's own to spend as she wished. It was agreed at an early stage that the Civil List was strictly a working expense, that the Queen did not spend it or even decide how it should be spent, and that she derived no personal benefit from it. Most Civil List payments go to the wages and salaries of royal household staff, from private secretaries to footmen.

Money from the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Transport to fund the royal yacht, the Queen's Flight and the royal train was also ruled completely out of the tax equation, as was the grant-in-aid paid annually by the national heritage department to maintain the occupied royal residences of Buckingham, St James's and Kensington palaces, Windsor Castle and Holyroodhouse.

Income from the Duchy of Lancaster proved more complex. Some of the net profits, currently about £3 million a year, are used by the Queen to refund the Civil List payments of the Dukes of Kent and Gloucester and Princess Alexandra. As she has recently agreed to take over the Civil List funding of all other members of her family with the exception of herself, the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, considerably more of the Duchy revenue may be used for official purposes.

The working party decided that Duchy revenue spent on working expenses should not be taxable, but any surplus used by the Queen for her personal benefit should be taxed.

The Queen's private income, mainly from a huge holding of stocks and shares, was a much simpler issue. It will be subject to full income tax and capital gains tax in a straightforward manner just like any other citizen's income, but no figure has been released of how much it will yield to the Treasury.

As with any other taxpayer, the Queen is entitled to confidentiality; all that Lord Airlie would say yesterday was that estimates of £100 million for the Queen's personal wealth were "grossly exaggerated".

When the working party came to consider inheritance tax, the royal household pleaded a special case. Such an imposition would, they argued, gradually whittle away the whole apparatus of a hereditary monarchy with the death of each sovereign, and that such losses would be irreversible.

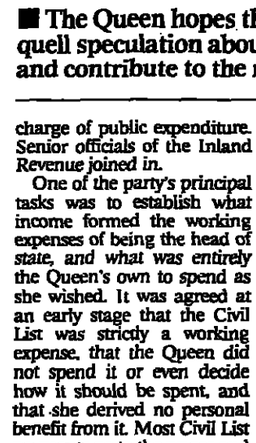
They stressed the need for a constitutional monarchy to be seen to be financially independent, and they pointed out that the monarch had little opportunity to generate revenue. They also stated that, because of the lifetime nature of the job, the monarch had little opportunity to avoid tax by bequeathing property some time before her death.

The royal household won its point, and the passing of property from one sovereign to the next will be exempt from inheritance tax. They had to concede, however, that the monarch would be liable for the tax on property left to any person other than the monarch's successor. The decision means that Sandringham and Balmoral, the two estates owned privately by the Queen, will largely be safe from the taxman to be handed on intact to the next sovereign.

The working party next tackled the question of the Royal Collection, as the Queen receives income from the tourists who pay to enter Windsor Castle, Holyroodhouse, and the Royal Mews and Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace. This income traditionally goes to help maintain the collection, the only major assemblage of art in the country which receives no government assistance.

To clarify the fact that the Queen does not pocket the money, and that she is merely custodian of the collection on behalf of the nation, the working party agreed to hive off the works of art into a separate charity, the Royal Collection Trust, which will be eligible for tax exemptions.

The position of the Prince of Wales is relatively simple. Since his marriage in 1981, he has voluntarily surrendered 25 per cent of the revenue of the Duchy of Cornwall — his main source of income as he receives nothing from the Civil List — in lieu of tax. Now most of it will be liable for the higher rate tax of 40 per cent. The prince will be able to claim a range of tax allowances, and his advisers thought yesterday he would end up paying much the same as now.



Sir Robert: a member of the working party

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INVESTMENT THE ROYAL WAY

Clues to the Queen's wealth of shares

Below is a list of those companies in the FTSE 100 in which Bank of England Nominees has a holding. The numbers are as at January 31 and the values as at 11am yesterday. Bank of England Nominees is a company that was created specifically to hold shares bought by heads of state and foreign governments. The Crown is regarded as the most common user of the company and probably holds about three-quarters of the shares, most of which are in companies listed in the FTSE 100.

	No of Shares	Value £
Allied Lyons	97,000	571,330.00
Anglian Water	82,000	136,940.00
Argyll	589,588	2,163,714.56
Arjo Wiggins	10,700	53,179.00
BAA	20,000	155,000.00
Bank of Scotland	195,000	249,000.00
Barclays Bank	114,947	480,478.00
Bass	125,280	754,186.00
BAT	128,200	1,243,540.00
BOC	42,000	310,800.00
Boots	117,608	568,046.64
Bowater	99,666 (50p)	481,366.78
British Airways	116,000	335,240.00
British Gas	256,700	739,269.00
BP	472,138	1,237,001.56
British Steel	100,000	78,000.00
British Telecom	237,500	978,500.00
BTR	305,076	1,880,968.76
Burmah Castrol	40,000	282,800.00
Cable & Wireless	234,404	1,697,084.96
Cadbury Schwappes	28,797	135,345.90
Carlton Communications	154,500	1,172,655.00
Coats Viyella	340,000	758,200.00
Commercial Union	5,000	29,700.00
Courtaulds Textiles	116,000	676,280.00
De La Rue	83,650	577,185.00
ECC Group	246,756	1,115,337.12
Enterprise Oil	75,750	356,025.00
Fisons	248,500	603,855.00
Forte	115,250	220,127.50
General Accident	198,590	1,143,878.40
GEC	320,000	940,800.00
Glaxo	512,000	3,471,360.00
Granada	6,000	21,840.00
Grand Met	101,572	446,918.80
Gt Universal Stores (A shares)	66,150	104,847.75
GRE	158,000	257,020.00
Guinness	143,796	671,227.32
Hanson	123,500	317,395.00
HSBC	13,945	80,881.00
ICI	59,800	689,494.00
Inchcape	186,200	1,065,064.00
Kingfisher	47,400	246,954.00
Kwik Save	25,000	200,750.00
Ladbroke	232,500	456,700.00
Land Securities	42,000	202,440.00
Lasmo	2,750	4,427.50
Legal & General	56,900	244,670.00
Lloyds	141,553	740,322.19
Marks & Spencer	640,500	2,094,435.00
MB-Caradon (25p)	46,667	434,119.77
National Power	180,000	549,000.00
Nat West	150,200	653,370.00
NFC	200,000	534,000.00
Northern Foods	15,934	40,791.04
Pearson	42,500	158,825.00
P&O	148,129	810,265.63
Powergen (50p)	100,000	306,000.00
Prudential	380,000	1,155,200.00
Rank Org	67,500	473,175.00
Redland	171,602	779,078.08
Reed International	129,500	857,290.00
Reuters	15,000	199,500.00
Rothmans	2,200	13,288.00
Royal Bank of Scotland	275,000	627,000.00
Royal Insurance	1,300	3,627.00
RTZ	65,550	430,663.00
Sainsbury	5,500	28,765.00
Scottish & Newcastle	120,000	2,229,132.00
Scottish Power	22,000	49,060.00
Sears	9,000	9,000.00
Severn Trent	69,000	337,410.00
Shell Transport	693,400	4,077,192.00
Slebe	11,000	52,910.00
Smithkiein Beecham	181,458	809,302.68
Smith & Nephew	151,953	229,449.03
WH Smith	51,771	217,955.91
Standard Chartered	10,000	64,800.00
Sun Alliance	318,800	1,088,920.00
Tate & Lyle	8,300	34,090.00
Tesco	518,775	2,913,907.30
Thames Water	15,000	76,050.00
Thorn EMI(25p)	6,300	54,621.00
TSB	4,000	6,960.00
Unilever	191,200	2,194,976.00
Vodafone	100,000	384,000.00
Whitbread (A shares)	254,000	1,211,580.00
Williams Holdings	4,500	15,570.00



Compiled by Anna Foster and Angela Mackay

From Kwik Save to Vodafone, that portfolio in full

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

THE Queen's portfolio of shares is worth about £45 million, according to an investigation by *The Times*. This equity portfolio will form the bulk of the income and assets on which she will pay tax in the coming financial year.

Although the Queen's name does not appear on company share registers, her equity investments are held for her by Bank of England Nominees, a company created to house shares for heads of state and foreign governments. At 11am yesterday, Bank of England Nominees owned shares in FTSE 100 companies worth £57,355,627.

At least 75 per cent of these shares are thought to be owned by the Queen, whose funds are managed using a conservative, discretionary trading programme. She is likely also to have other money market investments amounting to several million pounds.

There are no surprises in the shares which the Queen's advisers choose to hold. The most valuable holdings are in Glaxo, Marks & Spencer, Argyll, Scottish & Newcastle, Unilever, Tesco and Shell.

The Queen is believed to have automatically reinvested her dividend income in her portfolio until quite recently. Several pundits agree that it appears that she has been drawing down on some of her capital over the past two years.

At a rare briefing after the announcement to the House of Commons of the Queen's new tax arrangement, Lord Airlie, Lord Chamberlain and head of the Queen's household, said the move would place a "considerable additional burden" on her finances. He added that estimates setting the Queen's personal fortune at £100 million were grossly exaggerated.

The Queen's once tax-free, personal wealth is vested in three areas: investments, property, and those works of art that she may feel free to sell.

She will also pay tax on her income of about £2 million from her estates at Sandringham and Balmoral and various other rented properties. The 21,000-acre Sandringham estate is profitable despite the burden of upkeep on the 274-room house.

Twelve thousand acres of good agricultural land is rented out and there is a successful sawmill operation. Balmoral now has 50,000 acres, of which 7,600 acres is a grouse moor. The property slump has reduced the value of both estates but they are still worth £70 million to £80 million.

Information collated by *The Times*, other indications from the palace briefing, and her projected incomes from property and farming suggest that the Queen's annual tax bill is likely to be between £2.8 million and £3 million on an income of between £7.5 million and £8 million.

Anything that she retains and passes on to her successor will not be subject to inheritance tax, but treasures passed to her other children or to anyone outside her family will be taxed.

It is still not clear how many of her artworks she will retain as hers rather than listed as part of the Royal Collection, which will now be maintained under a charitable trust.

John Andrews, head of tax at Coopers & Lybrand, said many in the profession had expected the Queen to have been granted more exemptions. "She is now quite like any other wealthy client on the books," he said.

The Queen's new tax advisers will immediately address her capital gains tax position by seeking to raise her base costs. This is likely to result in more trading of her equity portfolios managed by various City advisers such as N.M. Rothchild and Cazanove.

Mr Andrews said he thought there would be several interesting debates on how the Queen's farms and studs would be treated. "It may be that she will be able to claim tax relief on any losses."

Commons gives muted response

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

THE prime minister's announcement of the tax arrangements for the Queen and the Prince of Wales met a muted response in the Commons. Most MPs backed the proposals although there was some criticism from Labour's left wing.

In the face of demands to say how much the Queen would pay, John Major made clear that the Queen's tax affairs would be treated with the same confidentiality as that accorded to all other taxpayers. But, he revealed, she would pay tax at 25 per cent and 40 per cent.

John Smith, the Labour leader, generally welcomed the proposals, but questioned the arrangement for the Queen's assets to be exempt from inheritance tax. He said that although private assets held at Sandringham and Balmoral could be regarded as having partially official use, he asked whether all private wealth should be exempt. Mr Major said that there was a unique circumstance with an hereditary monarchy. It was right that there should be specific exemption for assets passing from one sovereign to his or her successor otherwise there would be a "salami slicing" tax from one generation to the next which the public would not welcome.

Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, who some months ago introduced a bill to require the royal family to pay tax, said the move would be welcomed as principled, popular, and one that enhanced rather than reduced the status of the monarchy.

"If the royal family is as responsive to the public mood in the future as it has been on this issue, it will ensure its continuance for a long time to come," he said.

Patrick Nicholls, Tory MP for Teignbridge, pointed out that the Queen already gave 80 per cent of her income from Crown lands to the Exchequer, and James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, said that the millions of pounds given by the monarch to the Treasury represented "an excellent bargain".

The prime minister said: "The hereditary revenues from the Crown estates by far exceed official expenditure in support of the head of state."

Tony Benn, the Labour MP for Chesterfield, was among those not so satisfied with the arrangements. He maintained that the people of Britain would like to elect their head of state as did the American people. He called for an enquiry into the constitution, "instead of all the creepy-crawly, bowing and scraping we have had from so many MPs today".

Another Labour left-winger, Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North) said the decision by the royal family to pay tax arose from the growing criticism of it. The payment of tax should be mandatory.

Royal treasures could see the light of day

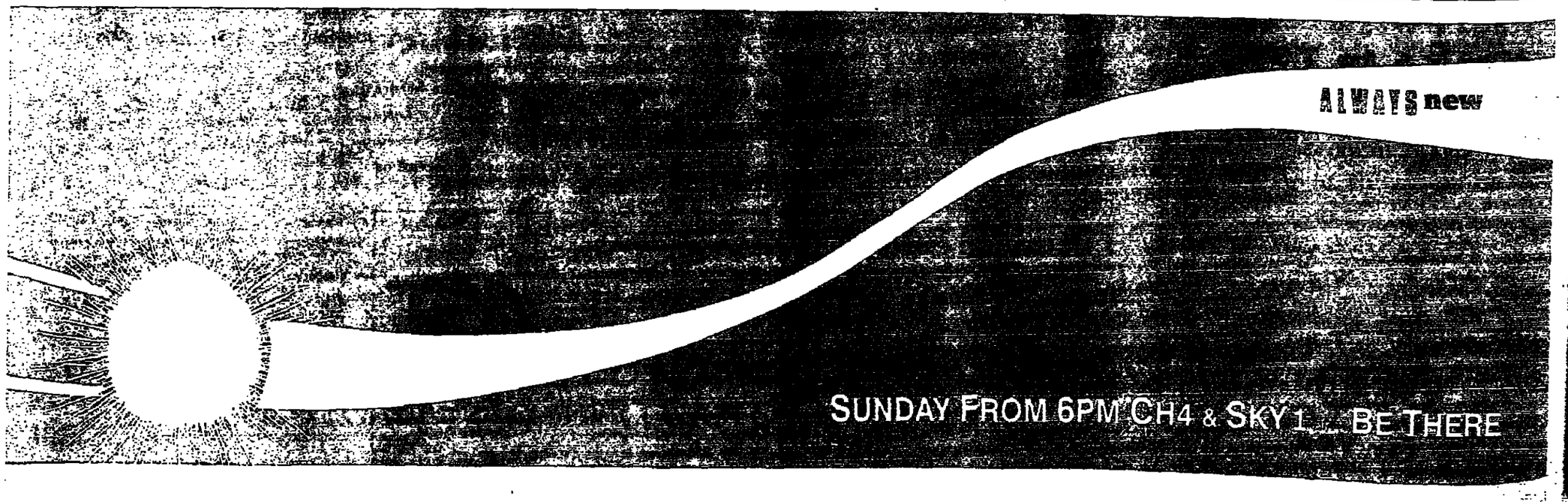
BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE charitable trust to be established to look after the royal art collection will strengthen proposals to build a gallery to house the Queen's huge, but virtually unknown, body of art.

Robin Nicholson, a vice-president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), said yesterday that the announcement was a "significant" step forward for the plan, suggested after the Windsor Castle fire. The new gallery would provide wider public access and better storage conditions, and had been discussed with Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary.

Mr Nicholson said: "It would be a pity if the trust merely used the existing palaces to display the paintings. If the aim is accessibility it would seem sensible to bring them together in one space." Money from the millennium fund could be used to convert an existing building, he said.

The collection contains about 7,000 oil paintings alone, more than three times as many as in the National Gallery. Less than a quarter of the paintings are on public view.



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On the day survival terms are announced, a proud town wonders if its children have a future

Leyland roars defiant as rescue campaign takes to the streets

BY IAN MURRAY

■ **Pride and fear have united the people of Leyland to fight the threatened closure of their world-famous truck factory**

WORKING at Leyland "was like the Bank of England", Harold Moss remembered. "If you wanted a mortgage you got it, no questions asked. Leyland was gilt-edged."

Nearly every afternoon, Mr Moss goes to the Leyland Social and Athletic Club in the town to meet other pensioners who lived through the glory days of the motorworks, when 12,500 skilled men made the trucks and buses that carried the town's name.

In the club, the old men play dominoes and snooker and shake their heads, incredulous that any government could think of allowing the plant to die. "It will break up teams of men who had their skills passed on from one generation to another," said Les Southworth, a former director who is now club chairman. "The men here were weaned on lubricating oil. It is not just tradition but sound economic sense to protect a highly skilled workforce."

However, redundancy has become a Leyland tradition in recent years. The workforce has been slimmed down from a peak of 28,000 to 2,491 employed locally. Many skills have already disappeared and these days the plant assembles parts from 600 suppliers rather than making nearly everything itself.

"You could say we're only looking at another 2,500 redundancies," said Peter Dawson, a former worker who now runs the town's growing Commercial Vehicle Museum. "But those 2,500 would be the last and it would end Leyland. That is unthinkable. It is not a lame duck. It will not close."

Expressed in figures, the closure of Leyland would not seem to matter too much to the town. Only 800 of its 30,000 population are part of the workforce and unemployment, at 7.3 per cent, is below the national average. But that ignores the fact that Leyland pay-packets inject £30 million a year into the local economy, while dozens of small suppliers rely almost entirely on Leyland for survival.

Cliff Hughes, the Conservative chairman of the all-party group of councillors from four different local authorities formed this week to press for intervention, said: "We have got to get through to government that it is not just a question of a few jobs but that Leyland is a major player, not merely for the present, but for the future."

The prospect of Leyland's closure is proving a catalyst to unite traditional political enemies. They marched together last week, 5,000-strong, through streets lined by thousands more. As the march went past, Denis Rawcliffe, who runs a local print works, was handing out free posters showing a Union flag with the slogan: "Don't Throw Away Our Future". Within an hour he had distributed 3,000 and he has now run off 20,000 and free car stickers are on the way. "If Leyland closes, the knock-on effects it will cause will be immeasurable."

The posters are now in almost every shop window in the town and are appearing in the front windows of the red brick terraces. It looks like preparations for a patriotic street party, rather than the last, desperate stand of a threatened community.

For Leyland pensioners such as Hugh Yates, a death sentence on Leyland would be a death sentence on Britain. "More and more we have been dismantling our skilled workforce and buying in cheap parts from abroad," he said. "We let our skilled men join the dole queue and then spend millions on getting youngsters to dig ditches. If the economy really does buck up, the skilled men capable of putting goods on the shelves won't exist and we'll have to buy more from abroad."

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BARRY GREENWOOD



Window on the world: posters appealing for Leyland are appearing across the town synonymous with Britain's bus and truck industry

Herb danger brings call for new laws

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

EXPERTS are calling for controls on the sale of Chinese herbs after reports that some may damage the liver, heart and kidneys, and can lead to death.

More than 100 Chinese herbal clinics in Britain offer treatment for a range of conditions with powerful remedies that are not controlled because they are not classified as drugs. Many do not monitor potentially dangerous side-effects and are run by unqualified therapists.

A study in tomorrow's *Lancet* reports on 33 women who suffered kidney failure after taking capsules containing two Chinese herbs prescribed as part of a slimming programme in Belgium. The herbs, *Stephania tetrandra* and *Magnolia officinalis*, are freely available in Chinese pharmacies in Soho, London, at £2 for a 30 gram packet.

In an editorial comment, *The Lancet* says toxic effects from Chinese herbs have been noted worldwide. "Perhaps it is time that governments introduced measures to control the importation and use."

Interest in the remedies has surged in the past five years since research at Great Ormond Street hospital in London showed that patients with severe eczema could be helped by a Chinese herbal tea. The National Eczema Society, which commissioned the research, received 6,000 enquiries when details of the treatment were published.

"The public thinks that Chinese medicines are all the same and it doesn't matter who treats them or what they get," said Tina Funnell, director of the society. "It is a major public health concern that anyone can set up these clinics and offer treatment that may be potentially lethal."

The National Poisons Unit at Guy's Hospital, London, which is monitoring cases of poisoning with Chinese herbs for the health department, reported the death of a woman aged 28 from acute liver failure last September after taking a herbal mixture for eczema. Dr Virginia Murray, a consultant environmental toxicologist at the unit, said: "People assume that if they take one of these medicines they will be fine because it is natural, but natural isn't necessarily safe."

☐ *The National Eczema Society information line on Chinese medicinal plants is 071-388 4800, from 2-5pm, Mon-Fri. Or send a large sae to PO Box 282, London WC1H 9JS.*

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



IN THE Sunday newspapers they often assemble a panel to taste the different varieties of supermarket quiche, frozen lasagna, pot noodles and so on before marking them either six or seven out of ten.

For some time now, I have been hoping they will be panel-testing my new craze, which is extra-strength mouthwash. Over the past year, it has taken a grip on supermarkets, ousting other products — creme bath, toothpaste, soap — on to lesser shelves.

Oddly enough, all mouthwashes seem to be billed as extra-strength. Also, they all proclaim proudly that they are "NOT TESTED ON ANIMALS". This seems to me a great shame, as most of the animals one comes close to — small dogs, in particular — could certainly benefit from a thorough rinse and spit-out.

Those who, like me, are sleepy throughout the day as a result of having young children, will initially welcome mouthwash for its astringent, slightly terrifying flavour. It has roughly the same bracing effect in the morning as placing an alarm clock in your mouth.

But after the first month, the shock wears off, and you begin to develop quite a taste for it. I now find myself slooshing my mouth out three or four times a day.

Soon I will be secreting a quiet tot of it into my coffee, and before long the garden bushes will be littered with discarded extra-strength empties.

The same, I hear, is happening with those nicotine patches, which are designed to stick on your body as a cure for smoking. Many have found them so enjoyable that they are walking around covered in them, looking rather like the Invisible Man.

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Tories threaten Heseltine with defeat

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine came under renewed pressure from Tory and Labour MPs last night to save most of the 31 pits threatened with closure, following reports that the draft white paper on coal has only recommended increasing the market by 12 million tonnes.

As ministers reached broad agreement on a rescue plan at a cabinet sub-committee yesterday, potential Tory rebels said that if only 12 pits were saved they would stage a big enough rebellion to defeat the government.

Ministers were said to have agreed to a bottom line of saving about 13 pits from 1994, although a higher number are expected to be reprieved in the first year. As the white paper will only predict the size of the market rather than the number of pits to be closed, Mr Heseltine will be trying to put the best possible gloss on his document.

"The argument is over," one ministerial source said. "The whips have it now." Tory business managers will spend the next week trying to assess the bottom line of their own potential rebels. While some rebels and Labour MPs are holding out for more than 20 pits to be saved, it is thought that most would be happy for about 15 to be rescued.

Winston Churchill, a leading critic, said yesterday that the 30-strong Conservative Coal Group was still insisting that Mr Heseltine should back the recommendations of the Commons trade and industry select committee. These, he claimed, showed that 24 pits could be saved in the first year, falling to 20 pits by the fifth year. "The leaks show that the government is only looking at half that amount, which is totally unacceptable." Asked on BBC radio about the size of a potential revolt, Mr Churchill said: "Big enough to defeat the government on the floor of the House."

Richard Caborn, chairman of the trade and industry committee, outraged Tory committee members by holding an impromptu press conference to "clarify" his committee's report, published two weeks ago.

Mr Caborn, who came close to resigning as chairman in his efforts to draw up a unanimous report, yesterday put forward new sets of figures which he claimed would save all 31 pits in the shorter term and about 24 within five years, if the committee's 39 recommendations were implemented.

The unilateral decision to put forward his interpretation of the report is likely to undermine the impact of the committee's deliberations and is bound to be exploited by the Mr Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade. Mr Caborn insisted that the new table, which shows the coal market could be increased by 20 million tonnes next year and 30 million tonnes in each of the subsequent four years, was based on two tables in the report. Originally the committee suggested its programme would save 16 million to 19 million tonnes.

Mr Caborn insisted that ministers could not dine *a-la carte* on the 39 recommendations. Press reports had suggested that the government had rejected all the committee's proposals for structural reform, he said. "It would do no more than provide a breathing space for a limited number of pits. It would not even secure their medium or long-term future."

Gerard McCloskey, an independent energy expert invited by Mr Caborn to analyse the committee's findings, caused further confusion when he insisted that all the pits could be saved for as little as £10 million a year.

Most of the committee was not notified that the press conference had been called. Keith Hampson, Tory MP for Leeds North East and a former aide to Mr Heseltine, said he did not recognise the new figures and that they did not add up.

'It looks suspiciously as if the figures have been reworked to ensure the Labour party can use the report to justify their campaign to save all the pits," Mr Hampson said.



Crime-buster: Labour MP Tony Blair turns the spotlight on burglars

Labour calls for crime offensive

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TORY backbenchers yesterday supported Labour calls for a tougher offensive to combat a surge of burglaries which has reached a peak of one break-in every 24 seconds. Labour seized on figures showing that some Tory heartlands had suffered more than a five-fold increase in domestic burglaries since 1979.

Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, said on BBC Radio 4: "There is a very real feeling, not confined to the Labour party, that the Conservatives have in a sense given up on crime." He claimed that the police were "simply swamped".

In the Commons John Smith, the Labour leader, accused John Major of failing to protect the public from minor crime, and claimed that government figures showed 25,000 break-ins a week. The prime minister said the government's record was comparable to that of every other western European nation.

Sir Ivan Lawrence, Tory MP for Burton, highlighted the problems caused by persistent offenders. "Has the time not come to remove this hard core of persistent offenders from circulation?"

Labour called for a national anti-crime strategy, involving closer co-operation between police, local authorities and the community, and said that the new figures had left Tory claims of being the party of law and order "increasingly tarnished". The biggest increases in domestic burglaries since 1979 were in Leicestershire (452 per cent), Gloucestershire (444) and Norfolk (382).

AROUND THE LOBBY

MPs to question Mackay

THE Lord Chancellor is to be called before the influential home affairs committee of MPs as part of a one-day enquiry into government proposals to cut legal aid eligibility and bring in a new scheme of standard fees for legal aid work.

The unanimous decision of the 11-member committee under Sir Ivan Lawrence QC to investigate legal aid plans on February 24 represents a significant victory for the legal profession, which has been lobbying hard against the proposals.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who will face questioning along with leaders of the profession, has indicated that he intends to go ahead in April with plans which the profession has estimated will effectively disqualify up to 12 million people from legal aid, saving £43 million on the £1 billion a year legal aid bill. The regulations need to be approved by both houses of Parliament, and it is expected the Lord Chancellor will seek to do this by the middle of March.

Post haste

Press speculation that the Post Office is to be privatised and the Queen's head removed from stamps was "pretty wild", Tony Newton, Leader of the House, said during questions about forthcoming business. "No decisions have been taken," he said.

Treaty back

MPs are to return to the Maastricht bill on February 22 after more than a fortnight free from its detailed consideration. It will be the twelfth day of the committee stage.

In Parliament

Commons (9.30): Private members' bills: representation of the people (amendment) bill and damages (Scotland) bill, second readings.

Councils struggle to collect tax

BY RACHEL KELLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authorities went to court to force more than two million people to pay their poll tax in the third quarter of last year.

Court summonses were issued to 2.3 million people for non-payment of poll tax, according to figures released yesterday by the Lord Chancellor's department. Of those 2.3 million, 1.9 million still did not pay up after a court summonses, and were issued with a liability order which empowers councils to pursue the money they are owed.

Despite having powers to send in bailiffs, dock salaries and dock income support to recoup poll tax from those who have not paid, councils are still having problems collecting all the tax owed. The levels of non-collection vary from council to council. Some councils had erred on the side of caution in their assessment of non-payment. Hambleton District Council in North Yorkshire said that in setting council tax levels it had a considerable surplus because more people had paid their poll tax than the council had expected.

Although the figures show a reduction on the previous quarter, councils said yesterday that they showed the seriousness of the problems faced in their enforcement of poll tax.

Martin Pilgrim, undersecretary for finance from the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said: "These figures are at historically high levels, especially compared to the levels of enforcement required by the old rates. They are running at about two million court cases a quarter."

Court summonses were no longer working as an effective deterrent, Mr Pilgrim said. "Despite the best efforts of local authorities, the word is getting out that they are fairly impotent."

Councils now fear that when council tax bills are issued for the first time, those who have not paid their poll tax will assume they have managed to escape without paying. However, councils would continue to pursue poll-tax payers, Mr Pilgrim said.

Councils expect to have less problem collecting the council tax because it is levied on households rather than individuals and therefore will be easier to collect.

Power to the people — if they want it

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The active citizen is back in fashion. First conjured up by Douglas Hurd in his days as home secretary in the second half of the 1980s, the active citizen has reappeared as a paragon in the political visions of the leaders of both main parties. They each talk about entrusting and empowering the individual, providing more information so that he or she can exercise greater choice.

The main parties attach different meanings to these slogans. They have sharply contrasting views of the relationship of the individual to the state, and of what government should do.

The Conservatives emphasise the citizen as consumer and foresee a growth of voluntary effort in activities now provided by the state. John Major talked in his Carlton Club speech last week about the citizen's charter as "a revolution in choice, in information, in accountability and individual power".

In a recent lecture, shortly to be published as a Conservative Political Centre pamphlet, John Patten went further in discussing what Britain might look like in the year 2000. His vision was of "people caring, running their own communities, active citizens activating their own world, concerned as much about their responsibilities as their rights, opportunities as much as entitlements."

In particular, Mr Patten talked of developing the Neighbourhood Watch scheme into a form of Community Watch, encouraging and organising people



Patten: a vision of "people caring"

through voluntary effort to do more to help their communities and the delivery of services.

For instance, existing public funds might, on the parallel of grant-maintained schools and training and enterprise councils, be channelled through more locally based associations, which he called Care Associations. This would have far-reaching implications for what the state does, even further narrowing the remit of local government to being a purchaser of services rather than a provider.

The Labour view of the citizen is very different. John Smith talked in his interview with *The Times* on Tuesday about his "very strong theory of citizenship — that people should be empowered to participate meaningfully in modern society. They must have rights for a start".

Mr Smith's "consciously populist agenda" is rooted the citizen's entitlement to have more information about government activities affecting him or her.

This "culture of involvement" emphasises the citizen's democratic rights as much as consumer rights.

While the two parties' visions of the role of state and of the balance of rights and responsibilities contrast sharply, there is a similar emphasis on ordinary citizens being given greater power over their lives.

That is a fine ideal, but do people want to become active citizens? No one would now question the individual's rights to greater choice or to know more about government activities, however much dispute there might be about the application of these ideas in practice.

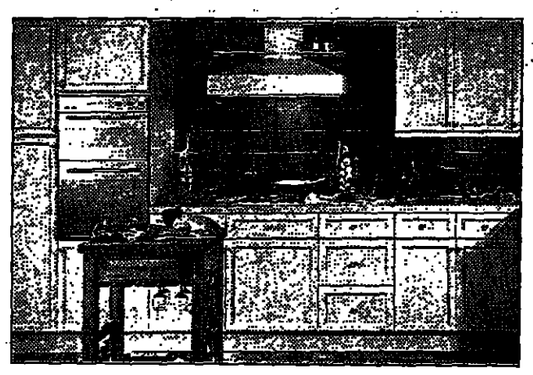
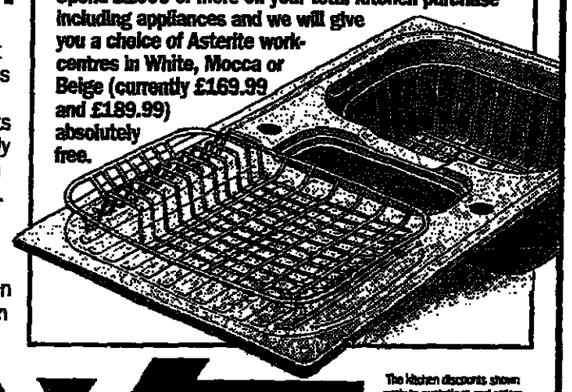
What is open to debate is when decisions about services are made not by the community collectively but by individuals acting through voluntary groups.

To raise this question is not to imply nostalgia for the nanny state or 1940s-style paternalism — "the man in Whitehall knows best". Rather, it raises the danger of domination by a minority of activists and busybodies. As Mr Smith said in his interview, those concerned with politics 24 hours a day or the hyperactive can be "very tiresome to everyone".

The sharp decline in membership of political parties over the past 20 years shows that many people do not want to be active citizens, at least in the partisan sense.

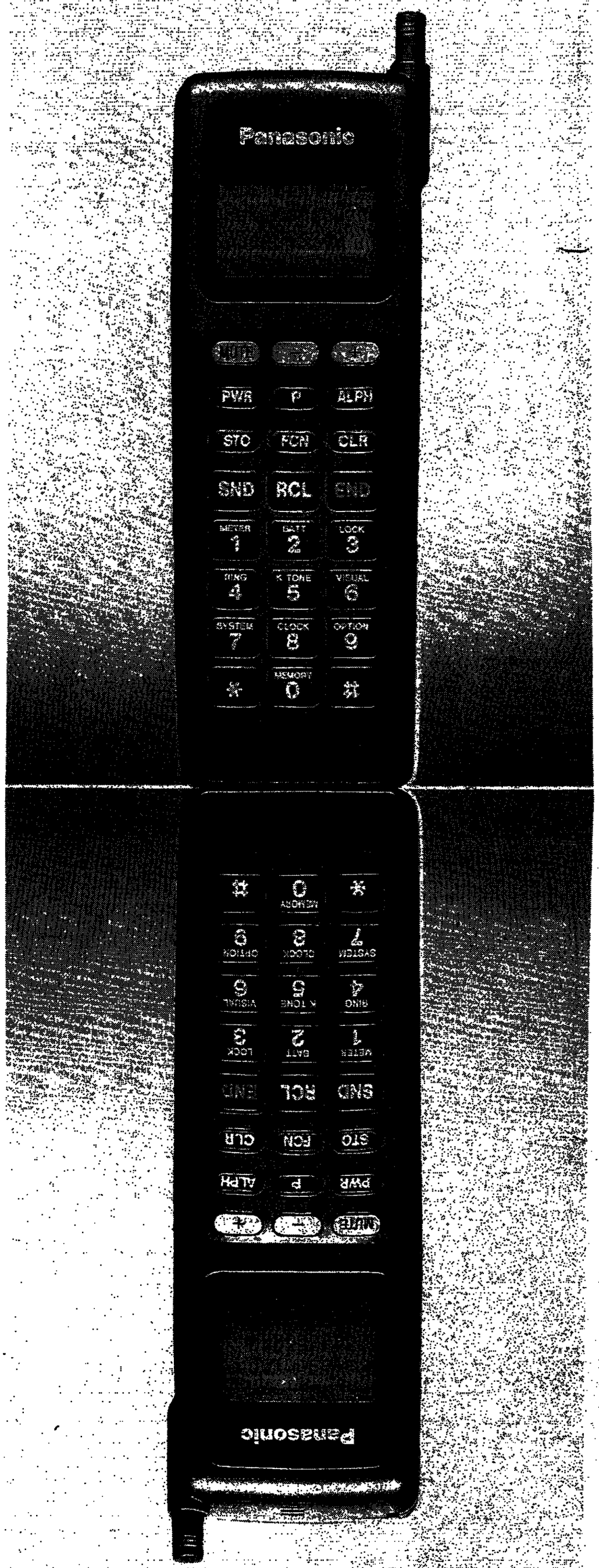
There is a narrow line between extending the rights of people, whether via citizen's charters or bills of rights, and permitting the majority to be pushed around by the enthusiasms of a minority. Politicians should be wary of assuming that everyone wants to be an active citizen.

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Clinton threatens sanctions over EC Airbus subsidies

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

■ US protectionism is coming to the fore. Europe and Japan fear that temporary measures could easily become permanent

PRESIDENT Clinton has opened another front in the transatlantic trade dispute by insisting that European countries must stop subsidising the Airbus consortium, or else face American sanctions.

His threat came on the eve of a visit by Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community commissioner and its chief trade negotiator, who arrived in Washington for talks with his American counterpart, Mickey Kantor, the trade representative. The two men, who are meeting for the first time, are discussing a series of recent unilateral trade sanctions imposed by the Clinton administration, notably on European steel imports and public procurement contracts.

Separately, Michio Watanabe, the Japanese foreign minister, arrived for talks with President Clinton and senior cabinet ministers. His visit is also focusing on trade relationships.

The two high-level visits indicate that the trade issue, which has so far played only a minor role in the president's economic strategy discussions, is becoming an increasingly urgent priority. The president launched his surprise attack on Airbus subsidies during his televised "town meeting" in Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday night, which mainly focused on Mr Clinton's plans for the domestic economy.



Kantor: tough trade talks with Brittan

The question of Airbus subsidies arose in the context of a question on jobs in the American aerospace industry, which is likely to be hit by the president's plan to slash defence spending. On the Airbus issue, President Clinton said: "The Europeans are going to have to quit subsidising Airbus and trying to deny us access to those contracts, which is something else that's going on now, or we are going to have to meet the competition. I am not going to roll over and play dead."

American discontent with the way Europe has been subsidising Airbus for more than 20 years has a long history. An Airbus spokeswoman described the president's attack as "unjustified", especially since Europe and America had reached a compromise on aircraft subsidies last summer.

The agreement included a ban on all direct government support to Airbus for production and markets, and a capping of 33 per cent on government aid for development costs. Indirect government support, via defence or research contracts, is limited to 4 per cent of the aircraft company's sales.

Airbus is a thorn in the side of the two large American aircraft makers, Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. Their market dominance has been gradually eroded by the Europeans, who now hold a world market share of about one-third.

The renewal of the Airbus dispute indicates a continuation of the American administration's strategy on trade, which started under President Bush, to single out individual high-profile products or services for trade sanctions. This strategy was attacked by Sir Leon, who in an article in *The Wall Street Journal* on Wednesday gave a warning that a failure of the world trade talks would result in temporary trade sanctions becoming permanent.

Mr Watanabe's visit comes against a backdrop of deep concern among business and government leaders in Tokyo over Washington's future policy towards Japan.



Pleas of innocence: Damacio Ibarra Torres, 40, who was arrested after three doctors were shot in a Los Angeles hospital and two women held hostage, denying charges of attempted murder and unlawful imprisonment in court yesterday

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Populist president makes his mark at question time

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

President Clinton is going to great lengths to sell his bitter economic prescription to the country, but the latest idea is without precedent. In direct emulation of prime minister's question time, the president might appear on the House floor next week to confront his plan's critics face to face.

The idea that Mr Clinton should return to Capitol Hill the night after he unveils the plan and Wednesday's State of the Union address has come from Richard Gephardt, the House Democratic leader, and the White House is weighing the advantages.

Americans are fascinated by prime minister's question time, broadcast here each Sunday night, and the sight of their president similarly confronting those who will make or break his plan would attract a huge audience.

Mr Gephardt apparently believes that Mr Clinton would rout his opponents with his dazzling command of detail and air of cool authority and that they would not dare to incur popular wrath by subsequently voting against him. The American people are in a militant mood and successful rebellions against Zoe Baird's nomination as attorney-general and gays in the armed forces have made them conscious of their power.

Mr Clinton displayed his mastery of the question-and-answer format at a nationally televised "town meeting" in Detroit on Wednesday. Calm and controlled, approaching questioners as if they were friends, he used the event skilfully to whip up public support for his painful package of tax increases and spending cuts and to regain his populist momentum.

To the questioner who reminded him that he had promised to cut middle-class taxes, the president replied – disingenuously – that the latest federal deficit projections were $50 billion (£35 billion) greater than he had expected. "I wish I could promise you that I won't ask you to pay any more," he said. "But I cannot tell you that I won't ask you to make any contribution to the changes we have to make."

Mr Clinton explained why the deficit was so destructive. He promised to cut it in "the way that is fairest to middle-class America". He claimed to have been working almost exclusively on his economic plan since taking office. "Listen to what I have to say next week. Decide whether you think it's fair, and tell me and your senators and congressmen whether you think I am right or wrong."

This was Mr Clinton's first trip out of Washington, his first trip on Air Force One, and he said that after just three weeks in office he understood how easy it was for the president to "get out of touch, to get caught up in the trappings of Washington".

Unwittingly demonstrating the truth of that sentiment, Mr Clinton said he was "appalled" at the time he had had to spend on social issues instead of the economy in his first days. It was those same social issues, however – gays in the armed forces, his search for an attorney-general, broken campaign pledges – that many of his questioners focused on, some quite angrily.

The Washington press corps whom Mr Clinton is seeking to circumvent by taking his message directly to the people were also upset. They complained, with dubious justification, that the public do not ask the necessary tough questions.

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Television admits rigging GM exposé

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE latest round in a dispute over the safety of a pick-up truck, designed with fuel tanks on the outside, has been won by General Motors after NBC, the American television network, admitted that it had faked tests in one of its most popular news programmes.

Earlier this week, General Motors, the largest car manufacturer in the United States, announced it was suing NBC over a programme which showed the vehicle, five million of which were built between 1973 and 1987, exploding in flames after a car crashed into it during a filmed test. GM said that the test had been rigged.

Having initially defended the *Dateline NBC* programme, network executives have now admitted the tests were "inappropriate". An unprecedented 3½-minute apology was read at the end of Tuesday night's *Dateline NBC* programme acknowledging that "unscientific demonstrations should have no place in hard news stories".

The programme's hosts said NBC "did not dispute" that it had used toy rocket engines to ignite spilled fuel during the tests and that its report had wrongly stated that one of the fuel tanks had ruptured. Yesterday, *The Wall Street Journal* called the apology "the most humiliating episode of crow-eating" in the history of *NBC News*.

GM has been under pressure to recall the vehicle, which several safety groups say are dangerous. Last week it was ordered to pay more than $100 million (£70 million) to the parents of a teenager killed when his vehicle (based on the controversial design, which has now been abandoned) burst into flames after a collision. The car manufacturer maintains that the vehicle followed federal standards and is appealing.

Yesterday, GM reported the largest ever corporate loss of $23.5 billion for the last financial year.

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Getting directions: the pilot of the hijacked Lufthansa airbus with 104 people on board leans out at Hanover airport, where the jet refuelled, to receive maps for New York. The hijacker was reportedly a Bosnian who wanted to make a protest at the United Nations. Report, page 1

Socialist Craxi quits party post amid Milan fraud enquiry

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

BETTINO Craxi, the secretary of the Italian Socialists, key members of the Rome coalition government, resigned yesterday at the beginning of a two-day party conference.

Signor Craxi has received six notifications that magistrates investigating a corruption scandal wish to press charges against him. On Wednesday, Claudio Martelli, the justice minister, resigned from the government and the party, after learning that Milan magistrates wished to investigate him for corruption. Giuliano Amato, the Socialist prime minister, has taken over the justice portfolio temporarily and President Scalfaro has tried to shore up the beleaguered government. Signor Amato's administration is grappling with economic problems and rising unemployment, and there is little prospect of a more stable or effective government emerging from fresh elections. Signor Martelli resigned after learning that Milan magistrates were sending him formal notification that he was under investigation for alleged complicity in the fraudulent collapse of the Banco Ambrosiano, together with Signor Craxi.

The magistrates had been told that both men had been involved in channelling an illegal $7 million (£4 million) commission from Roberto Calvi, the bank's chairman, into a secret Swiss bank account. The evidence came from Silvano Larini, who has been arrested and has admitted being the owner of the account. The commission was allegedly paid in return for helping Calvi to obtain a $50 million loan from the Socialist-controlled state energy holding, ENI, in 1980. The two Socialist leaders are accused of contributing to the bank's collapse in 1982 by taking the commission. Calvi was found dead under Blackfriars Bridge, London, in 1982.



Craxi: magistrates are ready to press charges

Allegations about the payment surfaced in the papers of Licio Gelli, the head of the P2 masonic lodge, some 12 years ago. Their confirmation by Signor Larini provides an embarrassing link between the Socialists and the outlawed lodge, which influenced the secret services during the Cold war and has been accused of manipulating terrorist groups.

Honecker refuses exploratory surgery

FROM REUTER IN SANTIAGO

ERICH Honecker, the former East German leader, has refused to undergo medical tests that would show if his liver-cancer can be treated by surgery.

Orbe, the Chilean national news agency, quoted doctors at the Las Condes clinic yesterday as saying a small operation to remove a sample is needed to determine if Herr Honecker's cancer can be removed, but he has refused to authorise it. Herr Honecker, who joined his wife and daughter in Chile a month ago after German courts ruled he would not survive a trial for manslaughter, visited the Santiago clinic on Tuesday.

The state of his health is controversial in Germany. Many people believe that the man who was responsible for the Berlin Wall was freed for political and not humanitarian reasons.

Newsman accused over free lunches

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

ROMANTIC, enigmatic, reassuring, Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, 45, is the most celebrated television newsman in France. Now he is also a suspected criminal.

Poivre d'Arvor's alleged offence involves that time-honoured journalistic tradition, the acceptance of free hospitality. Last weekend the TF-1 newscaster was charged with receiving embezzled funds.

Yesterday, a judge ordered him to post a 150,000-franc (£18,800) bond pending trial and forbade him to have any contact with the daughter of Michel Noir, the mayor of Lyons and a star of the conservative opposition.

The plight of the boyish, red-haired Breton has injected some human sensation into a gloomy electoral season, prompting national debate on such issues as how many free lunches are too many.

Adding its authority yesterday to the anguish over journalistic ethics, *Le Monde* lamented the sorry image of its trade in France and regretted that print scribblers were being tarred with the brush which had blackened their television colleagues.

Poivre d'Arvor, who is also a novelist and essayist, is accused of accepting transport, meals and exotic holidays worth two million francs, paid for with funds allegedly embezzled by Pierre Botton, a flamboyant Lyons businessman. M Botton enjoyed a Trump-like existence in the 1980s, courting the media, marrying Anne-Valerie Noir and running her father's electoral campaigns. Since being jailed in December on serious fraud charges, he has been regaling leak-happy prosecutors with tales of his largesse.

Poivre d'Arvor says he is the victim of government vengeance prompted by anger over the investigative programme *Droit de Savoir* ("The Right to Know"). The pressures of celebrity life meant he needed to take holidays in far-away places, he said, and he had done no wrong in letting M Botton pay for them. Many other famous journalists had done the same.

In a touch which hardly helped his case, he made his first comments after his prosecution from the Megève ski resort, where he was spending the weekend as the guest of the Davidoff cigar company.

Tebbit move puts treaty in balance

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

JACQUES Delors, the president of the European Commission, said yesterday that the future of the Maastricht treaty and of Europe itself was now a poker game: all the Community's hopes and achievements were staked on the fate of the treaty.

And, he might have added, the fate of the treaty in Britain seems to rest largely on Lord Tebbit. Many European diplomats and pundits are punch-drunk from blows dealt by Britain and Denmark to what was supposed to be the simple matter of ratifying the treaty on political and economic union. Every twist and turn of the ratification battles brings more inventive legal wheezes to free the Community from the latest deadlock.

The Italian newspaper, *La Repubblica*, reported Lord Tebbit's remark that he would say the moon was made of blue cheese if that would kill the Maastricht bill in tones of utter bewilderment.

Speaking at a press conference, M Delors said yesterday that the British ambassador to the EC, Sir John Kerr, had told him that if the Commons passed the Labour amendment, cancelling the social chapter protocol in the treaty, "legal and institutional problems" could arise. Sir John, a diplomat, was understating the case.

Brussels is buzzing with chat over what would happen if Mr Major is defeated. In order to explain Labour's vote against a treaty which it otherwise supports and to put pressure on Britain to accept the social chapter, European socialist leaders are playing down the difficulties of fiddling with the text in order to reverse Britain's social opt-out. Jean-Pierre Cot, the leader of the Socialist group in the European Parliament, said: "The treaty protocol would have to be changed but the ratification procedures would be simple and quick." The generally held view is that there are no insuperable legal obstacles to Britain adapting the treaty if the government chooses to surrender on the social clauses.

The real problems are political. Danish opposition parties wanted their requested opt-outs written into a revised treaty but were persuaded that the text could not be touched. Crucial to the outcome of the second Danish referendum, they might resent special treatment for Britain. Dublin was refused a change to its individual abortion protocol on the same grounds. Nor might Mr Major have much political credibility left if he reversed his policy on the issue.

☐ **London:** The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, stepped into the debate over Europe yesterday by speaking of the need for "an agreed framework of shared standards". Addressing MEPs at Strasbourg, Dr Carey avoided any direct reference to Maastricht and the social chapter.



Tebbit: remarks have caused bewilderment

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Gallic apathy greets Maastricht furore

BY CHARLES BREMNER

LORD Tebbit's outburst against the Maastricht treaty and the travails of the Conservative party have attracted scant attention in the French media. The row was reported briefly in only two newspapers and was not mentioned on television or radio.

This lack of interest reflects the feeling, which is widespread among government officials and opposition leaders, that Britain has already washed its hands of the treaty. In the outpouring of anger over the Hoover factory affair, government and opposition leaders have depicted the decision to let Britain opt out of the social chapter as a dangerous mistake.

Several commentators have said over the past ten days that, given Britain's potential for mischief, its withdrawal from Maastricht would now be in France's best interest.

Jacques Chirac, the leader of the Gaullist RPR party, the group expected to dominate the new centre-right government after next month's elections, has promised to be tougher on Britain than the Socialist Mitterrand administration has been. In its policy document, released on Wednesday, the Union for France conservative opposition alliance promised to defend French interests with greater vigour both inside Europe and beyond.

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Why peace in the Balkans is more than a blueprint away



Christopher: has ditched the bellicose options

BY ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

■ Sooner or later the pretence of a coherent Bosnian state is going to collapse, and the tribal war will resume. The White House may prefer to continue ignoring that reality, but cannot afford to

PRESIDENT Clinton's willingness to deploy American ground troops as peacekeepers in the Balkans, and to combine forces with Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance on the diplomatic front, has given a vital boost to the peace plan being devised for Bosnia.

For the past few weeks, Lord Owen and Mr Vance, the international peacebrokers at the Geneva negotiations, have been quietly wondering whether they were merely spinning an elaborate fiction — an epic fairytale with little or no relationship to the grim realities of siege and battle.

Overnight, some of the key objections to the Owen-Vance plan seem less formidable. The involvement of American ground troops and a role for Nato in peacekeeping duties should ensure that there are no serious problems in raising the required number of contingents to enforce a peace plan in Bosnia.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday that the chief merit of the American decision announced by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, on Wednesday night is that they rule out the more bellicose options toyed with in the first days of the Clinton administration. "No one in Bosnia is now going to expect the United States to intervene and impose a solution by force, or arm one side to continue the conflict," Mr Hurd said.

However, some of the underlying weaknesses of American policy, and of the Owen-Vance plan, remain. The Clinton administration continues to believe that the Owen-Vance approach is too narrow, and has not really addressed the possibility of the war spreading. But the Clinton policy is too focused on Kosovo, the Albanian-dominated autonomous Serbian province that is being run as a police state by the Serbs. Washington believes that deterring a Serb offensive in Kosovo can stop a general Balkans war. Yet President Clinton has not come up with any coherent plan for dealing with this threat. Any intervention on behalf of the repressed ethnic Albanians will be regarded as an act of war on Serbia. There is no mention in his plan of Macedonia, but strengthening this fragile republic is a more certain way of containing the war than any clumsy action in Kosovo.

The political assumption in Washington has been that American public opinion is very sensitive to fatalities; that the first body bags will sap any consensus for Balkan involvement. But this may well be a misjudgment. The politically vulnerable moment will arrive when the American public realises that US soldiers are not having any effect at all in the Balkan conflict, and that they are caught helplessly in the middle of a tribal war.

It is unfortunate that President Clinton has had to face his first foreign policy challenge without having had time to sort out the future relationship between the US military and the projection of American power abroad. As a result, the White House has had to dodge the really difficult question: what is the common Western objective beyond the Owen-Vance plan?

The plan is not an all-encompassing solution, it is merely a holding device. Sooner or later, the pretence of a coherent Bosnian state is going to collapse. Serbia and Croatia will absorb those Bosnian territories awarded to them under the plan. That is why the Bosnian Serbs agreed to the first stage of the plan and why the Croats are eager signatories. Is the West then willing to fight to prevent this happening, to maintain the integrity of a Bosnian state?

These are frightening questions, so loaded with danger that they have led to a paralysis of policy and an unwillingness to go beyond the bare minimum of military commitment. Mr Christopher's announcement on Wednesday night may well end that paralysis. If all goes well, the fighting in Bosnia should taper off. But those nagging questions are not going to go away, and it would be just as well to discuss them now.

The ever-deepening involvement in Vietnam was justified by the slogan: we have to contain communism. If a similar simplistic formula is applied — to contain Serb aggression — then the West is going to end up in a similar mess. President Clinton should not think that having announced his "plan", the Balkans conflict can be ignored. There are many more hard decisions to be made.

Angry Muslims stage fresh offensive to lift Sarajevo siege

BY JAMES BONE, MARTIN FLETCHER AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

MUSLIM forces launched a big offensive yesterday to try to end the siege of Sarajevo after America failed to meet their hopes of lifting the arms embargo against them.

A United Nations spokesman said forces of the Muslim-led Bosnian government had attacked the Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza, next to the airport, from Stup to the north and Butmir to the east. Serb forces quickly moved tanks into the area from the Lukavica barracks.

The offensive came as officials in Washington privately indicated that Reginald Bartholomew, the new US special envoy on Bosnia, would not seek drastic changes in the peace plan drawn up by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, the UN and EC mediators. That plan divided Bosnia into ten semi-autonomous provinces with a weak central government.

The officials said Mr Bartholomew would preserve Bosnia's identity as a separate state. Ethnically based provinces would have to stay, however, and not all Serbian territorial gains could be eliminated.

Mr Bartholomew is to seek Russia's help in trying to achieve peace and says that Nato has a role to play in enforcing any settlement. He said in Brussels that he would go to Moscow today for talks "to develop and maintain the co-operative relationship that is important on this issue". Russian officials have suggested that Moscow may seek to ease UN sanctions against Serbia as a reward for what it views as Belgrade's contribution to promoting peace.

In an interview on BBC radio in London, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, welcomed America's plan to end the war as "very useful" and a "very good package", adding: "I think it's very useful that no-one in Bosnia is now going to expect the United States is going to intervene and impose a solution by force or arm one side to continue the conflict."

In Washington the Clinton administration is considering the possibility of sending US troops to Bosnia to help British, French and other UN peacekeeping forces deliver aid to the Muslims. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said America had "not ruled out quite determined steps that might be taken to make sure that the aid gets to those in the country who are starving and need medicine".

Officials said later that the administration was considering the deployment of forces for that purpose, but no decisions had been taken. One source suggested that Mr Christopher may have floated the possibility merely to make the new US initiative look more muscular.

At Sarajevo airport, UN peacekeeping troops were placed on Red Alert and confined to their bunkers because of the fighting in the area. The humanitarian airlift into the Bosnian capital was also suspended. Four French peacekeepers were injured, two seriously.

In Croatia, the renewed Serb-Croat war in the Serb-held Krajina enclave has been confined to the Zadar area, but has uprooted 15,000 civilians, mostly Serbs, the UN peacekeeping force said. Lieutenant-General Satish Nambiar also said UN mediators had again invited Serb rebels to engage in Krajina peace talks in New York despite their refusal last week.

Haris Silajdzic, Bosnia's foreign minister, grudgingly welcomed Washington's decision to become more actively involved. "For us, the most important thing is that it envisages a mechanism for implementation," he said of the suggestion that US troops might join a multinational force to uphold any agreement reached.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia is to visit Washington to meet Al Gore, Mr Clinton's vice-president, next week. He will also go to New York where he may participate in a session of the peace talks.

Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, greeted the US policy announcement with some relief, welcoming Washington's determination to involve the Russian Federation in the peace process but condemning mention of further sanctions against Serbia. "I think it's very encouraging that Mr Christopher said a solution had to be accepted by all sides," he said. "Generally, I'm very pleased."

Dr Karadzic yesterday met Lord Owen and Mr Vance as they resumed their efforts to win Serb and Muslim backing for their peace plan. Lord Owen said he did not yet know whether the latest American announcement would sway either side in favour of the plan.

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Celebrity visit: Bianca Jagger, representative of the humanitarian Equality Now organisation, after her arrival in Zagreb yesterday

US policy switch will lead to a bigger role for Britain

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE involvement of American ground troops in Bosnia for the first time will transform the United Nations operation in the former Yugoslav republic. But there remains uncertainty over the size of a possible peacekeeping force and which countries will participate.

American officials are talking about a peacekeeping force of up to 40,000, of which 10,000 to 15,000 would be from the United States. Lieutenant General Satish Nambiar, the Indian commander of the UN troops already in Croatia and Bosnia, has suggested there might need to be 40,000 to 50,000 troops to supervise a peace plan.

However, Boutros Boutros Ghali, UN secretary-general, produced a preliminary report this month in which he said that 15,000 to 25,000 troops would be needed. That was in line with the figure produced by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the two international negotiators, when they outlined their peace plan.

No detailed military planning has been carried out and, because the deployment of peacekeeping troops hinges on acceptance of the peace plan by all three warring factions followed by a genuine ceasefire, there is no urgency to prepare a blueprint for action.

Nevertheless, the switch in policy by the Clinton administration is expected to generate a momentum in European capitals and elsewhere for backing the American decision with offers of troops. Britain is expected to be among the first to pledge a peacekeeping force. If the Americans send at least 10,000 soldiers to Bosnia, the government may decide that an appropriate response may be to send a brigade of more than 6,000.

However, any new military mission to Bosnia is going to be beset with caveats. If Britain agrees to expand its present force of 2,400 soldiers in Bosnia, there will be a demand for a time limit. Other Nato countries may also see fit to limit their involvement. The US, too, will reject the notion of an open-ended operation.

The likelihood is that, although Nato will take on the main role in implementing a peace plan, non-Nato countries will also be expected to play their part. British sources said it was not expected to be exclusively a Nato operation. Other countries wanting to take part should be allowed to do so, they said. For example, Russian troops could join in.

The mission would include monitoring the withdrawal of heavy weapons, patrolling crossing points between the proposed ten semi-autonomous provinces and overseeing the withdrawal of Serb troops to their designated areas. If the warring factions stop fighting and the peacekeeping plan is endorsed by the UN, a decision will have to be made about the status of the 7,500 troops already in Bosnia escorting humanitarian relief convoys. Officials expect that role to continue.

UN approves more sanctions for Serbs

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

NEW sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia have been approved in principle by the United Nations Security Council, but it is not clear how or when they will be imposed.

The curbs, drawn up by the European Community, will come on top of sanctions imposed last summer, which have had mixed effects. More than three million people — a third of Serbia's population — is living at a subsistence level, *Politika*, the Belgrade daily, reported yesterday. These include a million retired people, whose pensions have been severely hit by rampant inflation, and about 750,000 workers forced to take compulsory leave by the closure of much of the country's industry because of the sanctions.

The planned curbs include sealing all land borders to freight and seizing goods and vessels breaching the sanctions, including oil barges on the Danube which try to smuggle in oil from Russia via Ukraine, Romania and Bulgaria. A co-ordination committee would be established to help neighbouring countries enforce the moves.

The sanctions are poised to come into effect when the Vance-Owen team — now enlarged by Reginald Bartholomew of the United States — says the time is right. A British government spokesman said yesterday that no decision had been on taken on when this might be, or how the sanctions might be enforced. There could be difficulties in checking and seizing any of the hundreds of lorries which cross daily into Serbia from Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

The United Nations first imposed a fairly soft package of trade sanctions in May 1992. These were swiftly hardened, after tough bargaining with Russia, which was Serbia's main oil supplier, to include an oil embargo and a ban on all imports and exports. All Serbian and Montenegrin assets abroad were frozen and sporting and diplomatic links severely cut.



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Russian leader rejects Khasbulatov demands

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

TALKS between President Yeltsin and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Speaker of the Russian parliament, on a referendum on the constitution ended inconclusively last night, and Mr Yeltsin said preparations for the poll would continue. However, the key point in the dispute is that both sides have been unable to agree on the question, and Mr Yeltsin appears unable to impose his version.

Mr Yeltsin rejected demands from Mr Khasbulatov, which parliamentary sources said amounted to virtual parliamentary control. More meetings are planned next week, and will continue to be chaired by Valeri Zorkin, Constitutional Court chairman.

If the referendum does go ahead, many observers feel that Mr Yeltsin is politically too weak to give voters a choice between presidential or parliamentary government. If he loses, his authority could be undermined and possibly divide the country. Mr Yeltsin has said he would drop the idea of a referendum if another way out of the deadlock can be found.

However, Vladimir Shumeiko, a deputy prime minister, said yesterday that the referendum will proceed unless Mr Yeltsin receives concessions, including full control of the central bank to stem inflationary credits. There have been hints that some opponents want the referendum to go ahead, because they believe that it can be used to destroy him. Ilya Konstantinov, a leader of the extreme Conservative Russian Unity Party yesterday, said that it would be the quickest way to get rid of Mr Yeltsin.

Mr Yeltsin repeated to government leaders yesterday that the deadlock was damaging the economy: "Today, this struggle is liable to simply blow up the country; to torpedo even the best programme of action." Mr Shumeiko said it was impossible to carry out reform when authority was so unclear that regional councils cancelled government decrees.

Kravchuk denies delay in ratifying weapons treaty

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

PRESIDENT Kravchuk of Ukraine indicated yesterday that his country will not be hurried into ratifying the Start 1 arms accord.

Mr Kravchuk, who ends his three-day state visit to Britain today, said parliamentary deputies needed time to study the text of the treaty. At the same time he repeated appeals for extensive financial aid to pay for the removal and dismantling of nuclear weapons on Ukrainian soil.

He declined to name the sum he sought, but said America had pledged $175 million (£125 million) in technical aid towards the cost. "We cannot face our people if these things are not sorted out," he said.

The Kiev parliament failed to fulfil a promise to ratify the strategic arms reduction pact by the end of last year and the delay is holding up the much more ambitious Start 2 involving about 17,000 Russian and American missiles. Start 1 provides for the destruction of 176 nuclear missiles.



Kravchuk: renewed call for financial help

"The treaty is many volumes thick," Mr Kravchuk said. "The deputies asked for only two months to study it and it is right that they should. This should not be seen as a delay." Although Mr Kravchuk described talks with John Major on Wednesday as "constructive and useful", he said they had also discussed the great cost involved.

Britain has promised to provide Ukraine with security assurances once the former Soviet republic accedes to the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty. A British official said these were standard assurances given by a nuclear power to any state joining the Non-Proliferation Treaty and so declaring its non-nuclear status.

Mr Kravchuk lunched with the Queen yesterday and inspected a guard of honour at Buckingham Palace. He also had talks with Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, before leaving to stay overnight in Scotland.

After meeting the CBI, Mr Kravchuk said that Ukraine's transition to market economics would require time. "In practice this is a slow process that will not be completed in a matter of months or a year. We are proceeding with privatisation and land reform. Laws and documents have been approved. Our government is doing everything possible to implement these," he added.

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Hindu militants vow to defy Delhi with rally of one million

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

■ In attempting to show firmness after weeks of indecision, the Indian government may merely be hastening its own downfall

HARDLINE Hindu organisers of what threatens to be one of the biggest mass protests in India's history have promised to defy a government ban on the February 25 demonstration in Delhi, the capital. Intelligence agencies believe at least a million marchers may be involved.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which played a central role in the destruction of the Babri mosque in Ayodhya two months ago and is behind the rally, said it would go ahead despite the ban. The government has placed the army and paramilitary forces on alert to cope with possible widespread violence.

The rally is aimed at toppling the government, which is weak and divided under the uncertain leadership of the prime minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao. If there were an acceptable alternative candidate for the post, his Congress (I) party would almost certainly have sacked him by now. By banning the demonstration, he is attempting to show firmness after weeks of apparent indecision.

The government gave a warning that the demonstration would be "dangerous" at a time of Hindu-Muslim tensions in the wake of the Babri mosque demolition. It rejected an assurance by the BJP that there would be no violence.

"This is the time to look forward, to try to heal, and not to reopen the wounds of the past," said S. B .Chavan, the home affairs minister.

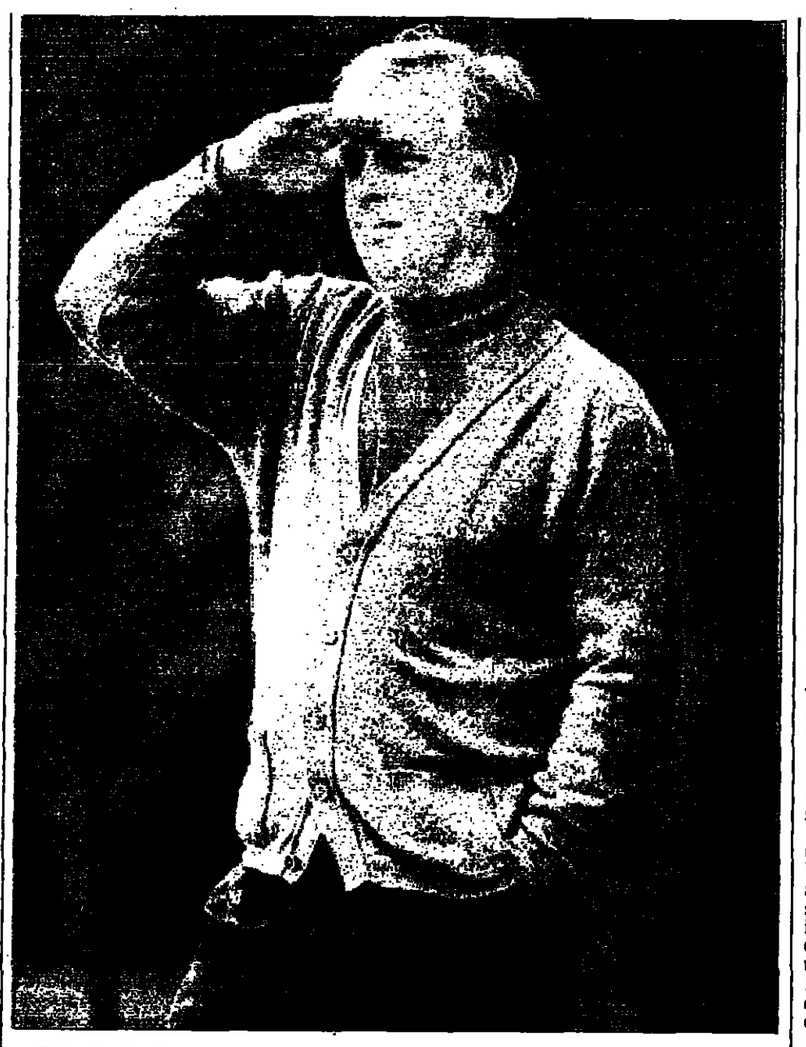
The move comes at a time when the upper reaches of the government are barely functioning because ministers are preoccupied with the post-Ayodhya crisis. New cracks are appearing in the minority government almost daily. The AIADMK, a regional party in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, is threatening to withdraw the support of its 11 MPs from Congress (I) in the Lok Sabha (lower house) in protest at alleged attempts by the government to impose the Hindi language on the Tamil-speaking state.

That would leave the administration exposed to a possible parliamentary defeat, forcing the country into a general election. The government yesterday sent high-ranking officials to Madras, capital of Tamil Nadu, to try to secure the AIADMK's support for a crucial vote on the annual budget, to be put to parliament on February 27.

The BJP says that the demonstration is in support of demands for early elections in four states it used to govern, Himachal Pradesh, Madya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. All four state governments were sacked in December after the mosque demolition. State elections must be held within a year unless parliament authorises a delay.

Government ministers believe that their best weapon against the BJP is time. They say that if the administration can hold on long enough, the pro-BJP wave sweeping parts of the north might wane. They point to some early encouraging signs: Muslims are starting to return to Ayodhya, albeit nervously, and peace has returned to Bombay, which was shaken by two bouts of rioting in December and last month.

More than 8,000 people have been arrested in Bombay in recent weeks on suspicion of trying to foment new trouble. Another 3,400 have been charged with involvement in riots. The clampdown has been imposed by Amarjeet Singh Samra, the new police commissioner, who is under orders to confront the suspected pro-Hindu bias of the police. He has detained leaders of a group which says it trained men for the Babri destruction.



Drive for health: Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, looking slimmer as he watched a golf tournament yesterday near his country residence, his first public appearance since surgery for narrowing of the coronary arteries and being advised to lose weight. Colony officials said Canada is the favourite destination for Hong Kong emigrants. Nearly 40,000 arrived in Canada as permanent residents last year, up 10,000 on 1991. Chinese is the third most-spoken language in Canada. *(AFP)*

Allegations of sex and bribes cloud chief rabbi election

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELIS have grown accustomed to dirty tricks during electoral campaigns, but nothing has prepared them for the present unseemly bout between the country's religious leaders for the coveted posts of chief rabbi.

Over the past few weeks allegations of sex scandals, office bugging and bribery have clouded the race for the two rabbinical positions, leading many Israelis, religious and secular, to call for the institution to be abolished.

The dirty tricks campaign surfaced when Yisrael Meir Lau, Tel Aviv's chief rabbi and the leading contender for the Ashkenazi (European Jewish) job, disclosed that a listening device had been discovered in his office, apparently planted by his rivals. The move was followed soon afterwards by Israeli press reports that he had made sexual advances to several women.

The contest for the Sephardi (Oriental Jewish) post has been no less murky, with allegations that Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, Haifa's rabbi, tried in the 1980s to bribe a candidate for the city council to withdraw from the election. Rabbi Ezra Basri, another contender, has been accused of bribing a psychiatrist in the 1950s to declare him unfit for military service.

Although all the rabbis have denied the allegations, the mud-slinging has prompted calls from members of the Knesset to postpone the elections on February 21 when a 150-member electoral body, made up of 80 rabbis and 70 public figures, are due to select the new chief rabbis for a ten-year term.

The credibility of the candidates has not been helped by the comments of Shlomo Goren, the former Ashkenazi chief rabbi, who denounced all of this year's candidates, including his own brother-in-law, as "minor league".

"We have to solve serious problems of religion and state. If the chief rabbinate is nothing more than a public relations agency for Judaism, then maybe it should be disbanded," the former chief rabbi said. "An administrative council can take the place of the chief rabbis and attend to Israel's religious needs. Judaism will manage without a chief rabbinate."

Unlike chief rabbinates in the diaspora, which are elected by the Jewish communities to service their spiritual needs, in Israel the office is part of the government and controls marriages, divorces and kosher supervision.

☐ **Detainee freed:** A military court in Ramallah ordered the release of one of three detained Palestinian-Americans yesterday, saying there was insufficient evidence to justify detaining him. Muhammad Hajjaj was released more than two weeks after he was arrested on suspicion of links to the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mexican clan feud kills 27

Mexico City: Twenty-seven people were massacred in a blood feud between families in the remote mountains of Guerrero state in southwestern Mexico, police said.

They said 24 members of the Pena Rojas clan were killed in an ambush as they returned from the funerals of three other people killed in a shoot-out at the weekend. About 50 assailants armed with rifles ambushed the group near Los Mangos. It was not clear what had provoked the attack. *(Reuter)*

Show of unity

Tehran: Huge crowds poured into the streets of the Iranian capital to mark the fourteenth anniversary of the Islamic revolution that overthrew the Shah and swept Ayatollah Khomeini to power. Official organisers put the turnout at four to five million. *(AFP)*

Immunity ends

Kuala Lumpur: The nine hereditary rulers in Malaysia agreed to government proposals to remove their legal immunity and other privileges, ending a dispute that had threatened to spark a constitutional crisis. *(Reuter)*

Talks invitation

Harare: Zimbabwe has invited Derek Keys, the South African trade minister, to Harare for talks on a looming trade war between the two countries. The move marks the final defeat of President Mugabe's attempts to restrict contact with Pretoria.

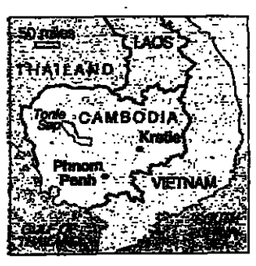
Mitterrand urges Cambodia peace

FROM REUTER IN PHNOM PENH

THE factions in Cambodia were urged by President Mitterrand yesterday not to throw away the chance for peace and to respect the terms of the treaty they signed in France more than a year ago.

President Mitterrand met leaders of the four factions, including Khieu Samphan, of the Khmer Rouge, at the royal palace in Phnom Penh after an hour of talks with Prince Norodom Sihanouk. A presidential spokesman said: "The president reminded the meeting that there was a real chance of peace that shouldn't be allowed to pass by."

Prince Sihanouk was less optimistic about a lasting peace, saying: "I don't believe there will be a major war but



neither will there be a true peace." Before meeting M Mitterrand, the prince said that he was not a presidential candidate at the moment, but would continue to try to act as a stabilising influence, aloof from the factions. He said there was no point in his running for election as president while the Khmer Rouge opposed both presidential and national assembly polls.

He predicted that if the government won the national election the civil war would continue because the Khmer Rouge would not accept the result. He said that if the royalists under his son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, won, it would be necessary to convince the government, army and police to support a new government.

M Mitterrand is the first Western head of state to visit Cambodia since Charles De Gaulle tried to keep the former French colony out of the Vietnam war in the 1960s. Some diplomats believe that France may be willing to support a future government when the mandate of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac) ends three months after the new national assembly is formed.

The Khmer Rouge has condemned M Mitterrand's visit as illegal, saying it bolsters the government installed by Vietnam after it invaded Cambodia in December 1978. The Khmer Rouge is refusing to respect the terms of the accords or take part in UN-organised elections set for May 23-25.

M Mitterrand, who arrived from Vietnam, leaves today after a visit to Siem Reap, a northwestern town where troops of the French Foreign Legion are stationed with the peacekeeping operation, part of France's total commitment of about 1,300 soldiers.

Fifty armed marauders attacked Siem Reap early on Wednesday morning, killing three people and wounding eight. Untac says that it is unclear which faction, if any, was responsible for the attack, but Hun Sen, the prime minister, blamed the Khmer Rouge.

Jackson proud to be black

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE mystery of Michael Jackson's skin may be over. On Wednesday night, the notoriously reclusive black pop star announced that his near-white skin is the result of a condition that causes him to lose pigmentation.

He has been accused of bleaching his skin and undergoing plastic surgery to hide his African roots. "There's no such thing as skin-bleaching," Jackson, 34, told Oprah Winfrey, the chat show host and television mother of the nation. He said his nose had been slightly reshaped by plastic surgery, but the rest of his appearance was unaltered.

Often close to tears, Jackson said he had decided to come out of seclusion to answer the "appalling lies" written about him in tabloid newspapers. "I'm a black American," he said. "I'm proud of my race."

During the 90-minute live interview at his Californian ranch, Jackson said that his father, Joseph, mocked him for being "ugly" and punished him for being "sad" and withdrawn. "I cried every day," Jackson said. "I was frightened, I would get sick when he came to see me ... I love my father, but I don't know him."

Jackson's sister, La Toya, said in an interview in New York that her brother changed his appearance because he does not want to look like their father.

The singer's manifold eccentricities have earned him the nickname Wacko Jacko, but on Wednesday the combined forces of his public relations team, the fawning Winfrey and even the actress Elizabeth Taylor sought to redress the record. "Michael is the least eccentric man I've ever known," Taylor told a nodding Winfrey. The actress also denied that she and Jackson had ever proposed to each other, and Winfrey nodded some more.

The interviewer did not entirely skirt the more delicate questions. Why, she asked, did he continually grab his crotch when singing? Jackson replied that this central feature of his stage act happens subliminally. "I'm a slave to the rhythm," he said.

Jackson said he was "dating" the actress Brooke Shields, but when asked if he was a virgin, he grew coy. "How can you ask me that? I'm a gentleman. You can call me old-fashioned if you want," he giggled. Winfrey nodded again, but declined to call him old-fashioned.

☐ **Los Angeles:** Dr Lisa Oki, a dermatologist, said vitiligo is one disorder in which lightening of the skin takes place. The condition destroys the body's pigment cells, causing patches of lighter skin, but it is not otherwise harmful. *(AP)*

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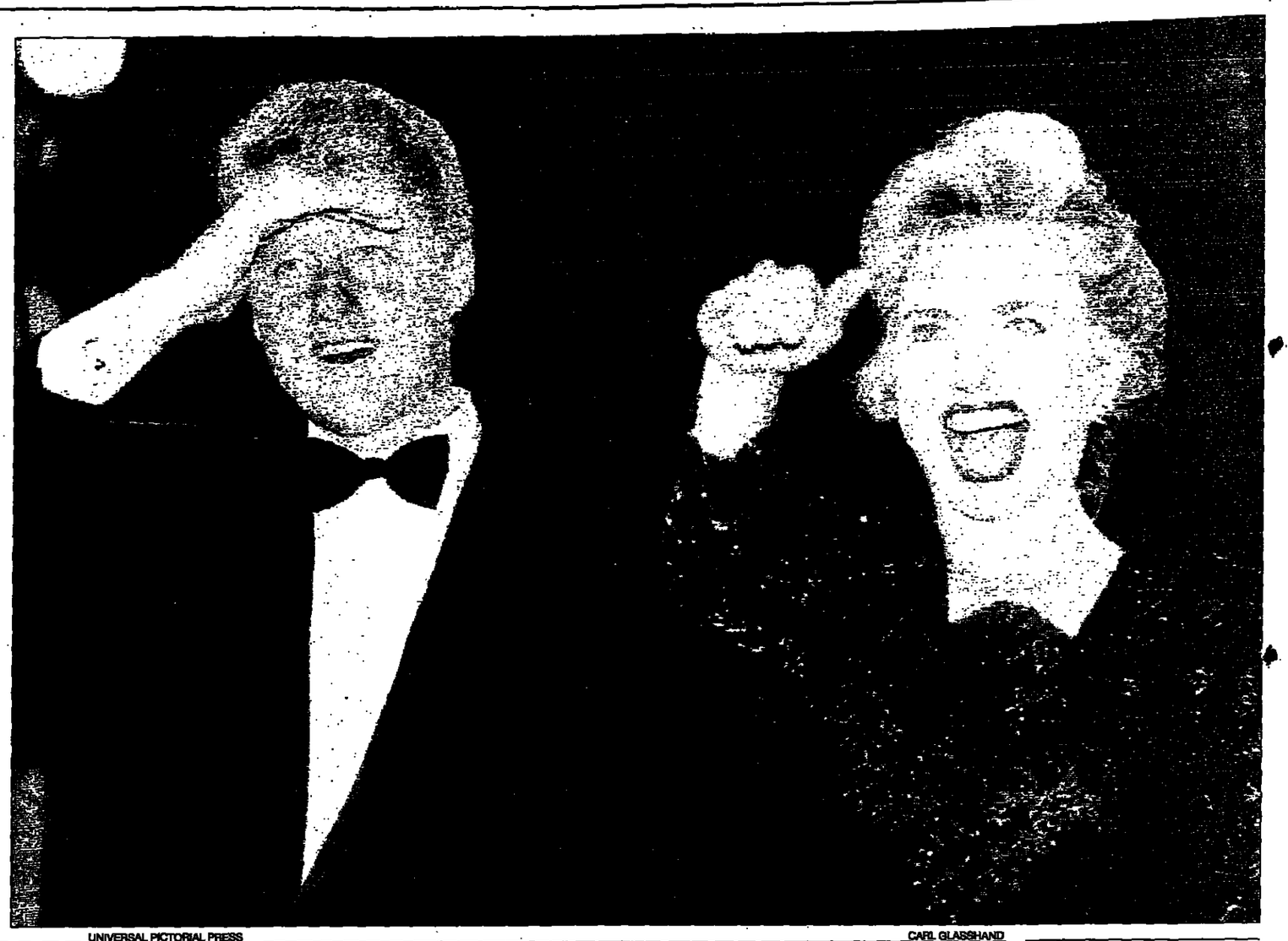
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Together at home, together at work

The Clintons have already set a style, and confirmed a trend. The power couple is a force in the land, Kate Muir reports





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CARL GLASSHAND



Happy families: (clockwise from above) actors Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman; the cartoonist's view of the Clintons, and the real thing: lawyers Raoul and Myrna Felder

The buzz phrase this week among America's chattering classes is "power couple". They are talking about that liaison dangereuse, the union of Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Billary, as the presidential team is being snarkily titled, has provided a role model for the future, and put the official seal on the other power couples folowing in its wake.

Any two professional people make a powerful couple, but the title of power couple should only go to husbands and wives or lovers with closely linked jobs in the same business, preferably in the same office, where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

Robert Dole, the Republican leader in the Senate and his wife Elizabeth, a former Bush cabinet member and now head of the American Red Cross, rank as a power couple, as would hotelier millionaires Harry and Leona Helmsley, were she not currently in jail.

Raoul Felder, America's hottest divorce attorney, employs his dancer-turned-lawyer wife Myrna in his Madison Avenue practice. At *US News* magazine, the husband and wife team of Michael Ruby and Merrill McLoughlin are co-editors, and over in Hollywood, power coupling is rife, with Sony Pictures Entertainment chairman Peter Guber and his wife Lynda, a producer at Sony-owned Tri-Star, leading the pack.

Actors and actresses, it is felt, do not count unless they work in the same films. Woody Allen and Mia Farrow would have qualified, but now all is lost. However, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, sharing *Far and Away* and *Days of Thunder*, definitely qualify.

What makes power couples fascinating is not just their double-barrelled influence or innate tendency to nepotism, but that they bring a certain eroticism to public life.

America is utterly fascinated by who is wearing the trousers in the Clinton White House. Acres of newsprint and hours of television are being wasted on the subject, but the conventional wisdom is that the first lady and the president have a trouser leg each.

Quite clearly, the president is not afraid to defer to his wife or ask her advice in areas where she has more expertise. The Clintons were a power couple before anyone had even invented the term. From the days of pairing up for legal debates at Yale law school, and campaigning together for the Democrats, the Clintons displayed a relationship based on an unquestioned equality. There is no embarrassment when she joins in his interviews or committee meetings, and when she was in Arkansas, aides would ring Mrs Clinton for the governor's opinion, confident that it matched hers.

In the campaign, when Mrs Clinton said, "If you vote for my husband, you get me; it's a two-for-one, blue-plate special," she clearly meant it.

The phrase caused a number of Republican spines to shiver at the time, dreading the double portion of liberalism looming huge on the horizon.

By appointing Mrs Clinton to head health care reform, the government's most important domestic initiative, and allowing her more senior grade aides than Albert Gore, the vice president, Mr Clinton made his desire for political partnership clear. Mrs Clinton had the president's ear, as well as his bed, and was much to e feared.

Dr Ross Goldstein, the psychologist who runs Generation Insights, which advises advertisers and manufacturers on coming trends, has his eye on the power couple movement. There are 1.8 million American couples in business together, and surely more working for bigger companies. The rise in the number of working women must, he says, mean an increase in power couples.

"In the 1980s people's lives revolved around work, so they were much more likely to meet a partner at work. Also, the baby boomers are marrying later than previous generations, so their choices were narrowed down and more focussed on work," Mr Goldstein says.

The new pattern of relationships has had a variety of consequences: "Baby boomers and the generation following them have had to learn to compete with their partners in a new arena," Mrs Goldstein says. "Before, home and work could be compartmentalised, but now they have to manage competition in the context of a loving relationship."

Mr Goldstein considers the Clintons manage this very well. "Their generation is just much more comfortable with working together. It's better and healthier than isolation and segregation, but it requires different coping skills."

At HarperCollins in New York, Bill Shinker, the publisher, says working alongside his wife Susan Moldow, the editorial director, is not nearly as shocking as outsiders imagine. "We met in publishing 18 years ago, but we didn't take up with each other in a husband-and-wifely way until ten years ago."

Ms Moldow started work at HarperCollins two years ago. Before that, when she was editor in chief at Viking Penquin and Doubleday, the couple were direct competitors. Then, their relationship went through a Trappist phase. "It's preferable now", Mr Shinker says, "because, as competitors, there were lots of things we could not talk about at home."

Ms Moldow says: "I didn't go through his briefcase exactly, but in odd ways you did pick up information. I'm sure we both knew more than we let on."



Highly charged: the Helmsleys

Now Ms Moldow is her husband's employee. "I call him my husband, my supervisor," she says, in not entirely respectful tones. Does the relationship make her position difficult? "It's never the obvious things," she says. "But sometimes I wonder if people are treating me differently. Of course you never find out what people are saying about you over lunch anyway."

The first couple of HarperCollins keep their affection for home. "Neither of us is particularly huggy," Ms Moldow says. But there are traps for the unwary. A senior New York tax lawyer and his wife, who is a partner in the same legal practice, have occasionally been known to call one another "snugglepuss" in public, causing disrespectful hilarity among their staff.

The hand-holding Clintons are not afraid to embrace before employees. An aide says that the Clintons would often be "all over each other" after a long day on the campaign bus, and would conduct briefings while arm in arm. "It took a while to get used to," the aide says.

By that time, power couples were popping up all over the Clinton regime. James Carville, the Democratic campaign strategist, turned out to be having an affair with Mary Matalin, who was doing a similar job for President Bush. In a typically power-couplish move, they are now doing the lucrative American lecture circuit and writing a His and Hers book about the campaign.

Meanwhile, the Clintons' image advisers were a power couple from Hollywood. Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason (note how the female halves of power couples tend to hang on to their maiden names). Now the producers of three hit television shows, the Thomasons met at CBS television in 1980. Four years later married and set up their own production company.

"We basically work 16 hours a day, seven days a week," Mrs Bloodworth-Thomason says. She is the creator, writer and producer, and her husband directs. "We are very much a team."

For those considering following in their footsteps, Dr Robert London, a psychiatrist at New York University medical centre, has some useful advice. "First, husbands and wives have to get along terrifically, both emotionally and intellectually, or working together will just hasten their break-up. Secondly, they both have to delineate their responsibilities. Thus, if an outside person disagrees with one partner about a plan, they both have to respect the outside person. They can't gang up and attack the outsider."

Dr London says the fact that many power couples are in their forties is because "women get more potent and powerful as they get older, and the men get more tired, more beaten up by the career world. But at that stage, as their kids start growing up, women are just beginning to recognise their freedom and want to prove themselves."

The Doles probably knew they were destined to be a power couple during the first seconds of their flirtation. He rang her, and they talked politics, policy and Washington gossip for 40 minutes.

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>
> ELIZABETH DOLE

It was love. "He is a very compassionate and caring person, a strong person who would easily accept my career and want me to continue," she says.

Since their marriage in 1974, Mrs Dole has been credited with softening the sharp edges of her husband, while she says he has stopped her worrying unnecessarily about decisions, and tells her to look ahead instead.

Although they are both Republicans, there was occasional conflict, which they seemed to relish. When she supported a proposal for a Consumer Protection Agency, he opposed it in debates and then on television.

Later, when a conflict of interest loomed, Mrs Dole gave up her job as transport secretary when her husband decided to run against George Bush in the 1988 campaign. Then, she had strong views about sharing the White House: "You don't want to be in that situation where the fact that you have experience in government makes you co-president. You elect one person president."

Perhaps political power should be put in a separate and more dangerous category than other his and hers jobs. For those keen on joining the movement, a word of warning: there is nothing worse than a couple who get carried away with their own importance. The fate of eastern Europe's first power couple, Nicolas and Elena Ceaucescu, should always be borne in mind.

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With this hyphen I thee wed

ASKED whether America's First Lady should be known as "Hillary Clinton" or "Hillary Rodham Clinton", 62 per cent of those questioned in a recent *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll said she should leave her maiden name out. Mrs Clinton had made clear she wanted to be known as the latter. Twenty-eight per cent of respondents said it did not matter either way; only 6 per cent supported her choice and 4 per cent were unsure.

Controversy over Mrs Clinton's name is not new. When she first married she chose not to change her name. Not until after her husband lost his re-election bid for governor in 1980 did she take his — still retaining her maiden name — to persuade southern conservatives she was not a radical feminist.

Then on the campaign trail she re-emerged as plain ol' Hillary Clinton as a sop to critics who wished she would stop being so damn independent and just stand by her man. And now that she has made it to the White House, the "Rodham" has resurfaced.

The fact that such a venerable organ as the *Wall Street Journal* would consider the First Lady's name worthy of a poll is a measure of just how complex the name game has become in America. The whole business has become a social statement fraught with anxiety, compromise and family tension.

Though the majority of women still take their husband's name, it is now common practice among America's professional classes for a woman to take her husband's name with her maiden name in front to create a double-barrel but without the hyphen.

But pity the poor Rabinowitz Van Horns, or the Antonucci Aufderheides. Not to mention the next generation, and the next, who are liable to become victims of an ever-proliferating array of surnames.

Some couples now keep their own names but give the mother's last name to the girls and the husband's last name to the boys. Others are inventing new names based on both the parents'. A Skylar and a Ledbetter might give birth to a Skybetter. Or an abstract version recently involved a Goldstein and a Brown making Sienna.

AS A "modern" American woman marrying into a middle-class English family I knew there was likely to be some criticism because I wanted to retain my last name as well as pass it on. There have been more than a few difficult discussions as my husband.

I am one of those ghastly Americans, you see, who knows all about my family history, who has visited the ancestral home in Yorkshire, and attended reunions with over 180 cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. My name means a lot to me. My husband, however, knows little about his and comes from quite a small family.

Bowing to British class prejudice, a hyphen seemed the perfect compromise. Luckily Riley and Adams sound like they are made for each other. Yes, my mother-in-law still refers to our first-born as Ella Adams, instead of Ella Riley-Adams, but we have learned to live with that.

But in the States I have found people intolerant of the double-barrel. When I say I am Mrs Riley-Adams people treat me as if I was some confused rebel trying to undermine the system, or as if I don't love my husband enough to do him the honour of using his name.

I learned just how deep America's resistance runs when I went to get my US driving license. I watched in amazement as five bureaucrats (three pro-hyphen, two against) bickered over whether or not to grant me a hyphen. My new married name was on my passport, credit cards, marriage certificate and cheque book, but they needed the ultimate proof of a social security card as well, the updated version of which hadn't yet come back in the post.

Two newly elected congresswomen, Carol Mosely-Braun and Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky were known by both their maiden and surnames (unhyphenated) during the campaign year. Once elected, they found people left out their maiden names, and have now both added hyphens.

Perhaps even the First Lady should consider adding a hyphen, if keeping her maiden name is so important to her. But then, given the public furore, it might be grounds for impeachment.

RENÉ RILEY-ADAMS

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Sir Richard Doll, in his 81st year, has more to reveal of his ground-breaking research into smoking. **Heather Kirby** reports

A survivor's tips on survival

On Monday Sir Richard Doll, one of the men who first established the links between smoking and lung cancer, will give doctors a dose of medicine many of them will not like. To celebrate the scientist's recent eightieth birthday, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) is hosting a conference at the Royal Society at which Sir Richard plans to present the final results of a 40-year study into the smoking habits of GPs.

Thirty four thousand male GPs were enlisted for the survey. 20,000 of them have since died. Sir Richard will be illustrating his findings with a "life table" which will show the proportion of smokers aged 35 who survived to their eighties compared to non-smokers. The first follow-up study, published after 20 years, showed that the ratio of death rate among cigarette smokers to that among lifelong non-smokers of comparable age was about 2:1. Smoking caused death chiefly by heart disease, lung cancer, chronic obstructive lung disease and various vascular diseases.

Sir Richard stopped smoking cigarettes (untipped) in 1950 when, on completing the most comprehensive epidemiological study ever undertaken, he and the late Sir Austin Bradford Hill published their findings that proved beyond doubt that smoking was a major cause of lung cancer. "People with university qualifications, those in social class one, began to change but there was no sign of a change among the majority of the population until the media became convinced of it in the early 1970s," he remembers. "At first, articles in the papers reporting on smoking's harmfulness were as likely to be followed by another one saying this was all untrue. And there were a number of occasions in the 1960s where a television announcer would be reporting on the cigarettes and lung cancer story and smoking at the same time."

Although Sir Richard is most famous for demonstrating that cigarettes are coffin nails, he has done just as much ground-breaking work in other areas where hundreds of thousands of lives have been saved as a result. His cancer research department at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, proved oral contraceptives could cause thrombosis. His team highlighted the harmful effects of asbestos, the beneficial effects of aspirin for heart disease patients, and the worldwide nuclear test ban treaty stemmed partly from its work on radiation.



Life saver: Sir Richard Doll

Next year he will publish the findings of research into radon which is expected to recommend that approximately 100,000 houses built on foundations where there are high levels of natural radon gas, which can cause lung cancer, should be compulsorily fitted with underfloor ventilation.

He is collaborating with Professor Richard Peto, now the head of the cancer research unit at the Radcliffe, where Sir Richard remains as a consultant, on a worldwide study of cholesterol. "I have no doubt that lowering low-density lipo protein is enormously beneficial; everybody ought to do it. I think this is the most important public health issue, one people should be taking very seriously.

"But again they are getting confusing messages," he says. "A number of people in Britain misunderstand the statistics and the waters have been muddied by a number of incompetent reports. The only way we can get it quite straight is by a large study over a long period. But the only way you can prove that lowering cholesterol reduces heart disease is by means of drugs. It is possible to lower cholesterol by 30 per cent quite easily but it is very expensive and I think the health department is frightened. If you show it is beneficial, everybody will want to have drugs. But there is no other way of getting a clear answer and it is so important to get it clear. You have got to have really large studies to show moderate benefit. Moderate benefit for a common disease is much more important than 100 per cent benefit for something that only affects one person in 10,000."

One in three people in Britain are affected by cancer at some time during their lives and one in five die of the disease. There are 200 different types of cancer — a disease treated three main ways, by surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy, often in combination — and there have been dramatic improvements in the relative survival rates of some. Yet, in spite of knowing one of the main causes for over 40 years, there has been no improvement in the survival rate for lung cancer which is under 10 per cent.

Sir Richard is disheartened by public attitudes to smoking. He has just returned from Thailand, where he shared an award, with the minister of health for China, for their work on smoking, and is full of praise for the way Thailand stood up to "free market arm-twisting" by banning tobacco advertising. He is scathing about the lack of political will to do the same here. "For the young, especially girls, smoking seems to be part of growing up," he says, "but they shouldn't be encouraged."

The policeman fed up with outlaw cheek

The sentence given to a teenage rapist has infuriated John Over, the chief constable of Gwent — not for the first time

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



John Over, the chief constable of Gwent, is six feet four inches and every inch a policeman. Last Friday afternoon he gave a press conference. He had assembled several victims of crime: an old man knocked on the head by a 16-year-old boy for a packet of cigarettes; two women cashiers who had faced the barrel of a gun three times in nine months; a policeman assaulted 15 times in six years. Mr Over's theme was our upside-down world, in which "the courts look after the offender much more than the victim".

Minutes later, the news came in from Newport Crown Court about Judge Prosser's peculiar sentence. The judge had thought carefully about a boy who, the jury decided, had raped a schoolmate on his fifteenth birthday. He told the boy that if he were locked away he would "mix with those who would teach you more bad habits". So the outcome is that the rapist gets the privilege of private tuition at home, while his victim is awarded £500 for a little holiday (which she spurns) but must carry on as best she can.

For Mr Over it is just the latest example of the victim coming off worst and mattering least: "The innocent always suffer." But it is symptomatic of a broader question. "This is not about one little girl and the awful thing that has happened to her. It is about why we look at the welfare of the young man — instead of the welfare of the community at large." Why, he wants to know, has punishment divorced itself from crime? And why does nobody seem to know what should be done about the boy?

I don't mean the boy in this case, which is being reviewed anyway by the Crown Prosecution Service. He happens to be 15, the peak age for criminal behaviour, but — who knows? — he may merely be another tough, boorish, insensitive lad. I mean The Boy in general: the real threat to society at large. Like the 13-year-old in Sunderland, who has stolen 200 cars while giving police the slip; or the 11-year-old in the Balaclava we saw swaggering down the street for the ITN cameras on Wednesday night, having crashed a stolen car into someone's garden, laughing as he rejoined his admiring gang in their life-threatening activities.

I am reminded of the mocking review of Enid Blyton's Famous Five stories — "What chance have a gang of desperate men against five small children?". That now has a hollow ring. Small boys do not need to outwit the Mr Plods: no matter how often they are caught and arrested, they still walk free to play their deadly games. What chance has the entire population against any gang of small boys?

Boys are dangerous. As we keep being reminded, one in three males has a conviction for a non-motoring offence by the age of 30. The *New Statesman* long ago suggested that if all young men between the ages of 14 and 21 were taken out of circulation the crime figures would be halved at a stroke.

Yet Mr Over's men feel increasingly helpless and hamstrung. "The fear of being caught and the fear of being punished has almost entirely disappeared," he says. His officers watch the same young men persistently re-offending, and face the indignation and frustration of victims and witnesses ("who vent their feelings on us as the most visible part of the criminal justice system") when the culprit walks free from court. "We have a young man in Gwent who is now 22, who has committed over 150 burglaries, possibly 200: he is arrested, bailed, reoffends, is arrested, bailed, reoffends . . . his victims see him all the time, out in the streets . . ."

In 1992 there were 40,000 crimes in Gwent, but the victims are many times that figure. "One burglary is a single crime statistic: but it may have many victims in one household." The girl's rape was one crime, but her parents and family have all been affected. His officers on the case have become, in the past few months, like part of the family. It is partly because of this closeness that Mr Over's officers feel so aggrieved and let down by the outcome of that trial.

When he heard about Judge Prosser's decision Mr Over was "appalled, disbelieving". That the judge, a father of two daughters, should have shown so much concern for the boy, so little for the girl. And then, a woman journalist from a national daily had telephoned him. " 'Was it a *bad* rape?' she wanted to know. Supposing I had replied, 'No, it wasn't a bad rape.' I would be pilloried," he says.

"I'm talking about punishment, that dirty word. A boy needs to feel he has been punished, to feel uncomfortable, to be aware that what he has done is just plain wrong."

At times like this, simple Sicilian solutions have a powerful appeal. The girl's father, a man of "old-fashioned values" knows where to find the boy "of good family" (which means nothing grander than coming from a two-parent family in a semi-detached house) just half a mile away in the grey, suburban estates of Cwmbran, a light-industrial, blue-collar offshoot of Newport. The girl's father's words, "He committed a man's crime and should suffer a man's penalty" have a macho ring. In a film, he would then stride off up the hillside — but that is in another country.

Instead an incident of private grief was swollen, by the judge's well-meaning but unfortunate words, into a national story: with questions asked in the House, and reporters prowling round the sprawling slopes of the comprehensive, scene of the crime, seeking alarmist revelations about teenage sex.

Here is the conundrum. Judge Prosser obviously agrees with the general view that prison makes the criminal worse. Roger Graef is the author of *Living Dangerously*, a book (and Radio 4 series) in which he talked to young lawbreakers given a second chance in an intensive alternative-to-prison probation scheme. All but one of his interviewees was re-arrested after taking the course. Yet Mr Graef maintains that schemes such as this are the only positive solution. He cites "motor projects" for ten-year-old car thieves. "It's like riding a horse: you persuade the horse to think it wants to go that way, but actually it's you who want the horse to go that way."

This is the kind of special treatment that makes Mr Over, a genial fellow of 62, splutter. This week there was a story in one paper about giving young offenders theatrical projects. "Oh, and do they give theatre projects to the victims too? Oh no. That is classic. What about decent young people? It's 'you're in trouble, so we'll make you an actor'. Hell's bells, come into any police station and I'll show you actors.

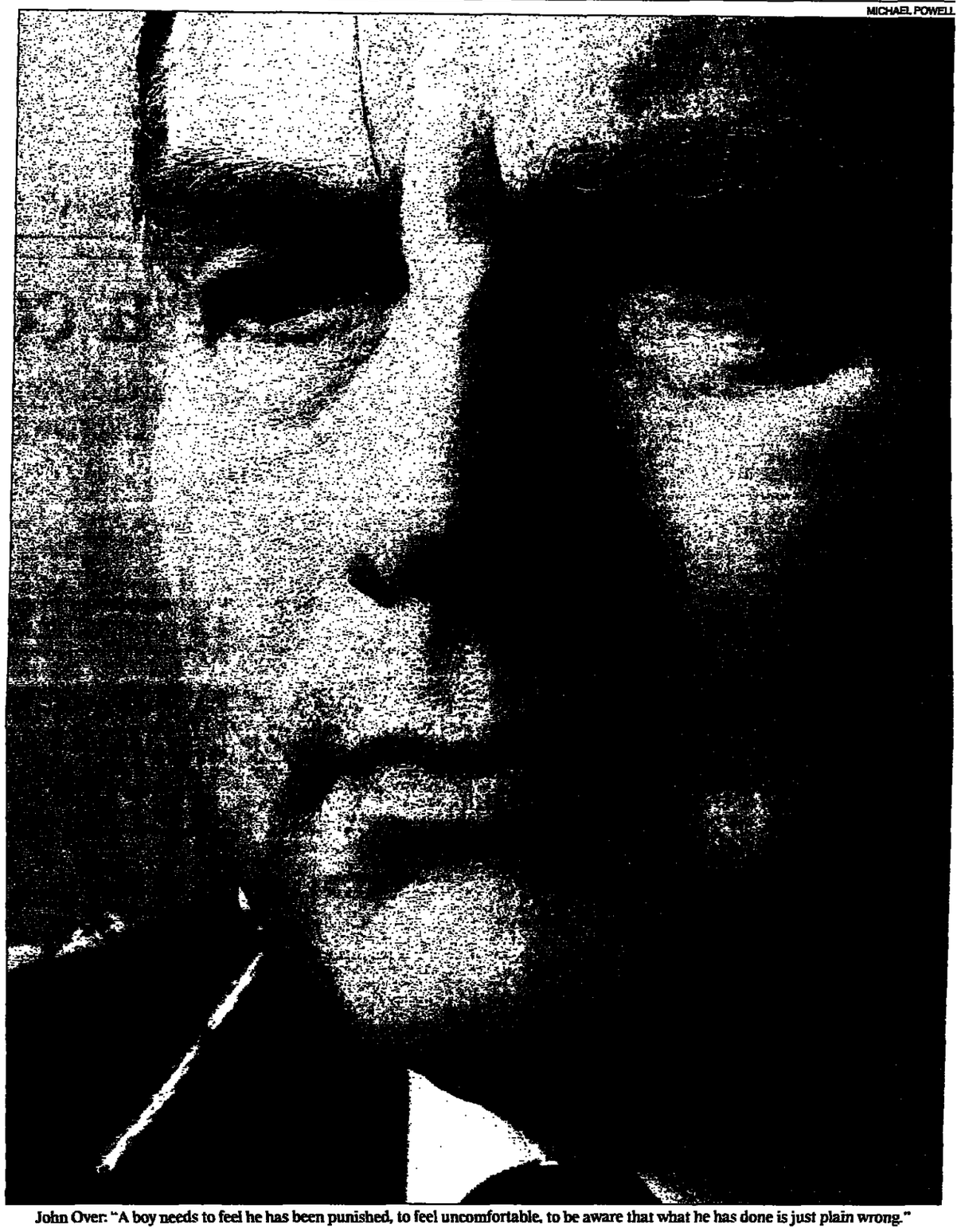
"Thirteen-year-olds stroll into the police station and demand to see a solicitor. They know it all; they work the system. You compare the amount given to victim support — £7 million a year — with the amount spent on legal aid, and on rehabilitation of offenders. Decent families struggle to get by, and nothing is given to them: but a boy who gets into trouble gets sent to a charming residential home in England — there is nowhere in Wales to send them — with adventure courses and trips on sailing ships."

The former deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, John Stalker, reviewing Mr Graef's book in *The Sunday Times*, came to a wan conclusion. "In many ways the best (perhaps only) hope for them [the young offenders] and us, is that they eventually grow out of it. Nothing else seems to work. Not kindness, not sharp shocks, and certainly not fines or imprisonment." On the other hand, expensive and unprofitable though prison may be, "society deserves a rest from their activities. If nothing works, it may as well not work where the offender can do no harm, rather than on the streets where he can."

From his plate glass windows, Mr Over has a green and pleasant view, shrouded in February mist. His is a small force of 1,000 officers (threatened with cuts) with the highest clear-up rate — 42 per cent — in England and Wales. "But our lovely county is is being spoiled by a few people who can do precisely what they want. And we are encouraged to *caution* them. Cautioning has gone mad.

"And the new fine system is a joke: all our local criminals think so. A decent honest chap who declares his income will be fined a high sum for speeding; others lie to the court and get away with £25 for an assault. Our criminals are very pleased with this system. Magistrates think the whole thing is a nonsense."

MICHAEL POWELL



John Over: "A boy needs to feel he has been punished, to feel uncomfortable, to be aware that what he has done is just plain wrong."

Mr Over is exasperated that successive home secretaries imply that it is more incumbent upon the public not to become victims, than upon the criminal not to commit the crime. "The eighth commandment is, *Thou shalt not steal*," he keeps saying, "not, *Thou shalt make thy car burglar-proof*.

"We seem to tell people that the fault lies with them: they should lock up their daughters and lock up their houses. After a crime, it is the victim who feels blamed and inconvenienced. My lovely daughter is a doctor", says Mr Over, "who works very hard. One morning, having worked all night on a cardiac case, she came out to find her car gone. And with all the trouble that caused her in the ensuing weeks, you'd think it was her being punished. What we have lost entirely is the sense of someone who commits a criminal act becoming a pariah."

It is all compounded by the "general lowering of moral standards". "I am told that we should take advice from business about how to run my force. Tell me, which business should I take advice from: British Airways? And you people in the media are as bad. You write about 'joy-riding'. We had a young policeman here — a lovely lad, young wife pregnant — killed while riding his bicycle, by a drunken young animal in a stolen car. There wasn't much joy in that. The youth got four years; probably out on the streets again now. And you refer respectfully to 'terrorists' when you mean murderers, and 'muggers' for armed robbers. There are people who are evil, who have no moral perception at all. Society has to find an appropriate source of retribution. But just because our prisons are old and full, does not mean that they are always counter-productive. At least they can't commit the offence again while they are there. And even hardened criminals can suddenly see the light. But I suppose that makes me sound 'repressive'. 'He would say that, he's a policeman.'

"But after 40 odd years I know this: the criminal shows his true face to only two people: the victim, and the police officer. He wouldn't show it to you, or the court, or his barrister, or his probation officer. In my experience they are 98 per cent fools and 2 per cent real villains. Perhaps it is useful therefore for the policeman to have a view about it. And to be listened to, for a change. Who else is going to shout for the victim?"



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You need a vileda



Janet Daley



■ Britain may be in decline, but we still lead the world when it comes to ripping off the poor consumer

When in doubt, screw the customer. Britain may be declining as an international power but in one area it still leads the field. When it comes to selling suspect apple juice or ratcheting up people's overdrafts by charging more for a warning letter than the amount by which they are overdrawn, we are world class. Do not be fooled by the performance of the food minister. Mr Nicholas Soames, who played to the prejudices of right-wing chatterers by presenting the Great Apple Juice Scare as one more example of health fascism. It is not food paranoia which is the issue here.

The GAJS was an instance of quite another national phenomenon. In fact, it is a meeting point for those strands of British life which are responsible for the decline which I mentioned at the start. There they are in flawless microcosm: the collusion between government and vested interests, contempt for the ordinary citizen (or, in modern parlance, the consumer), and suppression of information until it is lighted upon by the press, whose gift for stumbling upon embarrassing facts is such a political nuisance.

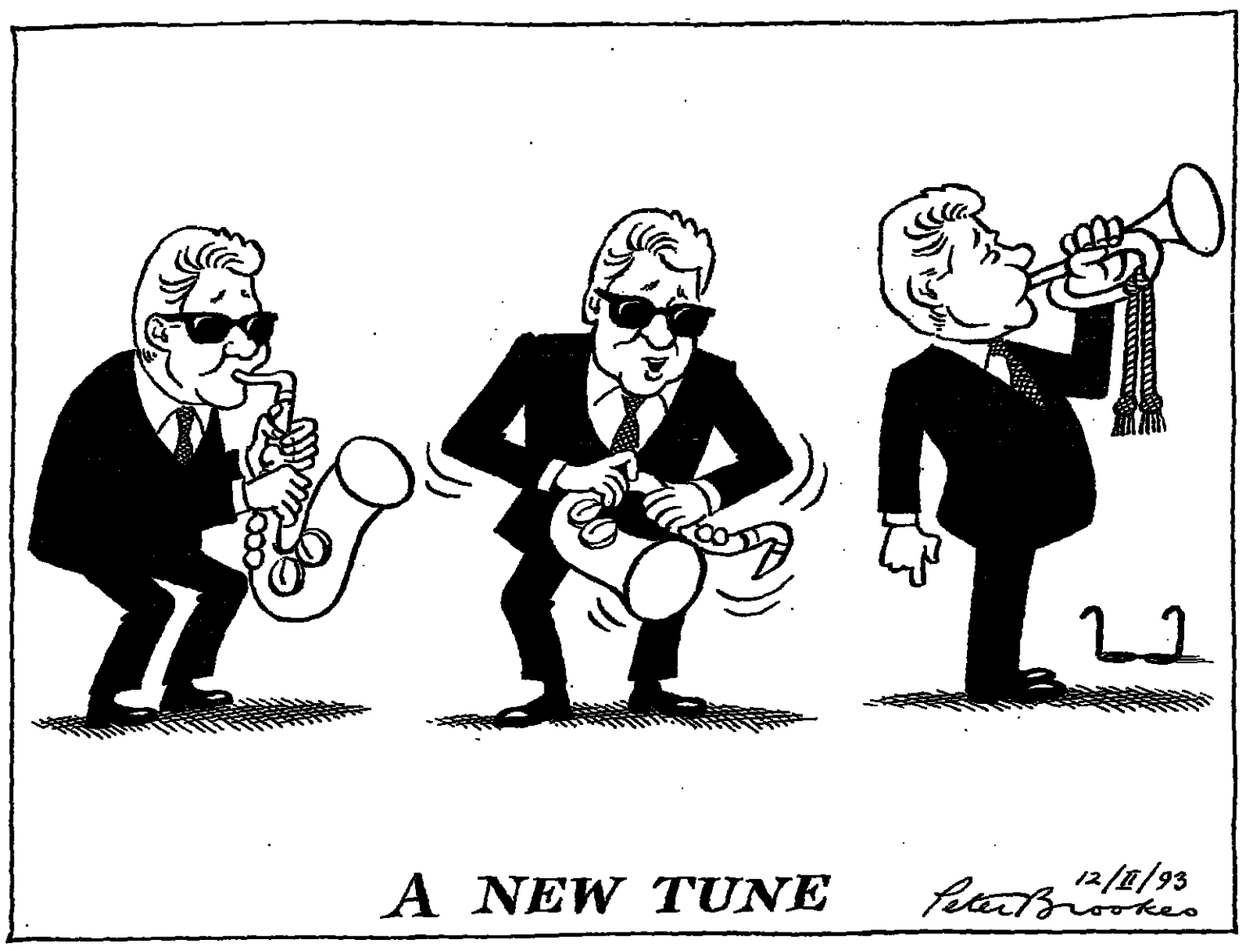
On the first point, the story is so damning that any society which took public accountability seriously, would be demanding resignations at the highest level. The Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food received a report which showed that the levels of patulin — a suspected carcinogen since 1948 — in some samples of apple juice were exceeding safety levels by 800 per cent. The ministry's response to this was meet with the British Soft Drinks Association which represents apple juice *producers*. The BSDA sent a memo to its members stressing the enormous importance of keeping these findings "low key and out of the press". The ministry said nothing. At least not to you and me. Only when a newspaper was handed a copy of the BSDA's "keep-it-quiet" memo, did MAFF go public with the findings which it had received last summer. Even now, the ministry refuses to name the brands whose samples were so high in patulin, although its own spokesman states frankly that patulin is a carcinogen.

While Gavin Strang, Labour's agriculture spokesman, was attempting to pin this indictment on Mr Soames, his colleague, shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown, was banging away on a theme with even more mileage. Mr Brown had noted, with more political alertness than Labour has displayed for some time, that the report issued by the government on high-street bank behaviour, relayed with his usual imperturbable silkiness by the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, had reduced banking customers to spitting fury. As whitewashes go, this one defied more boldly than most the experience of real life. Indeed, its unblushing conclusion that there was, abroad in the land, a detectable "trend towards lower bank charges" must have left even the most experienced purveyors of whitewash speechless with admiration.

What neither the Treasury nor the Chancellor could possibly admit was that there is an agreed policy to allow the banks to recoup the capital assets lost through their own bad judgment, by fleecing their customers. Even though this systematic pauperising of the spending classes, especially through swingeing credit-card interest rates, is prolonging the recession, no one can be bothered to produce an alternative strategy for preventing a banking collapse. To point to all the highly placed Tories sitting on the boards of high-street banks may be good knockabout stuff, but Mr Brown is on to something bigger here than the accusations he quite rightly makes about the cosy relationship between the banks and the Conservative party. What he is hinting at is a greater conspiracy in public life, one which has many forms but always the same result. By refusing to change its comfortable assumption that all of public life may be run as a club with secret understandings and mutual insider loyalties, government in general — not just this one — is falling into disrepute.

> Customers want to know why they are overcharged

The self-assertion which Conservatives themselves inspired as a way of setting people against socialist defeatism is reaching unsettling dimensions. People are actually demanding to know why they are being misled and overcharged. They are beginning to have wild expectations about being told things that they would never before have expected to know. It has all got completely out of hand. And, what is more, voters are beginning to suspect that there is a direct link between all this chummy collusion and seriously bad government. The worst thing about being willing to cover up or turn a blind eye to mismanagement and sloppy judgment is that it gives everyone a vested interest in the status quo. Why change the procedures which led to a cock-up when you can just raise the charges to the captive punter and cover your losses? If, as a country, we were to spend 10 per cent of the time we devote to ripping each other off thinking of new and better ways to run things, we might find that decline was not as inevitable as we had thought.



A NEW TUNE Peter Brookes 12/2/93

Making a cool million

We dream of digging a tunnel under Fort Knox and crawling out with gold

Bernard Levin

I think that, after this appears, I shall be probably hounded out of respectable society, but since I have never wished to be *in* respectable society, that will not worry me very much. It is just possible, though, that I may be done for aiding and abetting, but I think I remember that these days convicted criminals can write as much as they like and send it out, provided it does not include matters dealing with prison conditions or other aspects of life behind bars, so you wouldn't be deprived of your Tuesday and Friday solace.

Nothing venture, nothing win. You must have read about the case, but if you have not, here is a sketch of it, though the sketch is, for the moment, the whole of the story; when we have the rest of it, I can assure you that it will make headlines large enough for even the most short-sighted.

We have all seen the loading and unloading at the kerb of valuables, particularly, of course, money going in and out of banks; the steel reinforcement of the vans, the men wearing crash-helmets and holding truncheons, the swift stride across the pavement with the boxes, and — the procedure is obviously co-ordinated with the staff inside the bank — the whole thing is over very quickly. The guards, of course, are thoroughly trained; not only in handling the money but in looking out for trouble or even attack. I think we all used to feel uneasy with such filmic goings-on, but the sight has now become commonplace.

The other day, Securicor — which I think is the biggest of these businesses (alas, that we should need them and a great many more in our increasingly lawless world) — was transferring something around a million pounds to a branch of Lloyds, in Felixstowe. There were two men doing the work, and at the appropriate moment one of them went into the bank, presumably to say that all was ready; the other one, a Mr Edward Maher, remained in the van. The trouble started when his mate reappeared, for the mate in question was nowhere to be seen, and that went for the van as well. No doubt Mr Maher's mate looked up and down the road — had the van been towed away because it was illegally parked? Was the van a dream? Had it fallen through a hole in the ground, left there by a careless employee of the Gas Board?

No. There was, then, no alternative to the remarkable assumption that Mr Maher had taken the van, and the million pounds (in cash) with it, and had scarpered.

So far, so good, or at least so interesting. Now: a large Securicor van is not easily overlooked, nor is it something a man can stuff into a pocket, however capacious. Our noble lads in blue did their stuff; in less than an hour, the van was found, abandoned, half a mile from the bank where the fun had started. Unfortunately, the million pounds — which, it seems, was in used banknotes — were nowhere to be seen, search the van though they might from roof to wheels.

The police were wary; they could not, of course, be certain that Mr Maher had been the robber, for he might have been held up, or tied up, with real bandits who had followed the van. This comforting theory, however, did not survive long, because when the police went to Mr Maher's home, they found that the lady in his life, together with their three-year-old son, were also nowhere to be seen, and no forwarding address had been left. There was, though, milk untouched on the doorstep, a pile of washing in the kitchen (history does not record whether the washing was freshly done or waiting its turn) and two cars parked in the drive, plus another one, now not to be seen, that the neighbours had sometimes seen Mr Maher driving.

Sadly, there was only one solution to the mystery; Mr Maher had indeed knocked off a million smackers and, taking his family, had left the country, going no one could say whither.

Since then, there has been a great deal of coming and going; Securicor has offered a reward of £50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the robber, though this canny firm adds to the stipulation, also "the recovery of the money" (well, a fat lot of use would be the van without the contents), and we learn that a few years ago there was an almost identical lift at Heathrow, this one also by a security guard, by name Philip Wells, in which another million pounds went with Mr Wells into the far blue yonder, and has not been seen since.

But what about my troubled introduction? Remember I said that decent folk would shun me and the police at least visit me; how do I come into the story? I come into it backwards and ashamed; the truth is that the moment it was clear that no one in the bank had been faced with a hold-up and that Mr Maher or his family had not been harmed or frightened (in other words, that he was indeed the villain, not an innocent man forced at gunpoint to do wrong), I began to laugh uncontrollably, and when I had stopped laughing it was only to take a glass of cool champagne and toast Mr Maher, his ever-loving Deborah, and the infant Lee.

Very well, I am a scoundrel who preaches law and order and encourages criminals, but at least I admit as much; I truly am ashamed of my attitude, but I cannot change it at will. And, although this is not a defence, I am quite sure that, up and down the land there are people, no less public-spirited than I, who have the same feeling — that Mr Maher and his family should get away with it, because of the magnificent, cool cheek involved. For remember, he did not hijack the money-van, or loot it at pistol-point; with the most remarkable bravado he simply climbed into the driving seat and chugged off. And remember, too, that he could not have had more than a few minutes to start the chugging, because his partner would not have been much longer inside the bank.

I shall go further. Is there not in most of us a part that is a buccaneer? Does not that part stimulate us to dream of digging a huge tunnel beneath Fort Knox and one dark night crawling into it and crawling out with roughly half of all the gold in the world? Yes, it would be a crime, as would be driving off a lorry-load of tenners as Mr Maher did, but we are, after all, day-dreaming. We dream; he acts; surely, if he does the work for us are we not entitled to throw over all the precepts we have garnered from childhood and cheer him on?

You see, the reason we do not do what he did is, obviously, because we will not commit a crime; but take a more severe test. Suppose we have an absolute guarantee that we can rob a Securicor van with perfect immunity, and can then live high on the hog for the rest of our lives, would we do it? I truly believe that some of us would; the frail partition between *meum* and *tuum* would succumb to a hearty kick. (Before the men in blue do genuinely come knocking on my door, I had better say that I would jib at that test, anyway, though — here I go again, spoiling the picture — probably out of fear rather than respectability.) That means, of course, that we are criminals in mind if not in action, which convicts us of being cowards as well as incipient burglars, because if the only thing that stands between our desire for someone else's money is the fear of being caught we are pretty rotten buccaneers.

Though I have read a good deal about it, I have never been able to understand the truly criminal mind; my bewilderment is based on the obvious fact that many criminals are sufficiently intelligent and capable to prosper in legitimate spheres, yet apparently prefer the life of crime and imprisonment. But though Mr Maher is a real criminal, he is not a coward; he does not have our imagined immunity, and knows that if he is caught he will go to prison for quite a long time (not *too* long, because remember he neither hurt nor even threatened anybody) yet pits his nerve against the police not only of Britain but of many countries besides. That being so, I defy you not to admire him, however mildly, before the stern precepts of guilt and innocence take over. He also gets an accolade or two, I must point out, by taking his family with him: most criminals, off to a new life in another country with the spoils, would ditch the family as an encumbrance, murmuring the criminal's mantra against women, "They double your trouble and halve your chance".

There is a final test. If you do succumb to admiration of him, what would you do if he knocked on your door, saying that he wanted to hide in your home for only 24 hours, after which he would leave and never trouble you again? For the life of me, I cannot answer that question.

Putting pressure on Iran

Conor Cruise O'Brien on the continuing fatwa

Sunday is the fourth anniversary of the *fatwa* in which Ayatollah Khomeini sentenced Salman Rushdie and his publishers to death. This was not just a threat against individuals. The religious authorities in Tehran were asserting a claim to Islamic jurisdiction over the United Kingdom. Islam has always claimed universal jurisdiction, but the *fatwa* of February 14, 1989 was, I believe, the first practical application of that claim in modern times.

The government of Iran consists entirely of pious Muslims who accept the *fatwa* as binding on themselves as well as on everybody else. President Rafsanjani, this year, confirmed the *fatwa*, calling it "irrevocable". Yet Britain still has diplomatic relations with the government that is defiantly holding death sentences over the heads of some British citizens. Other Western countries also maintain relations, although the claim of Islamic jurisdiction applies implicitly to their territories and citizens also.

The initial European response to the *fatwa* sounded strong at the time, but can be seen in retrospect as evasive. On February 16, 1989, a resolution of the European Economic Community (as it then was) noted "with horror the appeal [sic] of Ayatollah Khomeini to Muslims to kill the author Salman Rushdie and the publishers of his book *The Satanic Verses*". The Community undertook to make plain to the Iranian government that "if attempts are made on the lives of Mr Rushdie and his publishers, severe sanctions will be taken against Iranian interests and that force will be used to bring the criminals to justice".

Although that sounded tough, it was in fact a neat piece of sidestepping. The tough reaction would come only if the *fatwa* had the results which its author intended. The Community had not committed itself to any practical response to the existence of the *fatwa* itself. On the same day the then foreign secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, having protested "in the strongest terms" to the Iranian chargé d'affaires, said that ties with Tehran would be impossible if it "failed to respect international standards of behaviour".

On February 20, 1989 the European Community governments issued a joint declaration and recalled their ambassadors from Tehran. A month later, however, the EC allowed member countries to return them. And on September 27, 1990 the British government renewed full diplomatic relations with Iran "on the understanding that Iran would respect international law".

Mr Rushdie, now that he is moving around again with high and admirable courage, is beginning to elicit more support, both in Britain and internationally. Douglas Hogg, the foreign minister, expressed support for him in a speech in Geneva and it is believed that John Major may soon receive him.

In an article in *The New York Times* this week, Mr Rushdie records the progress of his cause, after a setback in Washington last year, when launching the paperback edition of *Satanic Verses*. Invited to address both houses of Congress, the invitation was cancelled at the request of secretary of state, James Baker. The then White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, explained: "He's just an author on a book tour." I would expect Mr Rushdie to fare better with the Clinton administration — especially after the crassness of that Bush rebuff.

Mr Rushdie had a breakthrough in Scandinavia last autumn. He was warmly received by the Norwegian government and then by the Nordic Council. When he visited Bonn in October, the Bundestag passed an all-party resolution stating that Germany will hold Iran legally responsible for Mr Rushdie's safety and, should any injury befall him, Iran will face economic and political consequences. In addition, an extensive German-Iranian cultural agreement has been put on hold until the *fatwa* is cancelled.

While these developments are satisfactory in themselves, it remains a scandal that diplomatic relations are maintained with the power that is threatening to murder British citizens, and putting prices on their heads. Britain should be exploring with its community partners — beginning with Bonn — the possibility of a strong joint *démarche*. Tehran should be warned that the community cannot indefinitely continue diplomatic and economic relations with Iran, with the *fatwa* still in force. These relations would be reduced by the end of this year if the *fatwa* is still in place, and abrogated altogether by the end of 1994.

Of course the Iranian government cannot just repeal a *fatwa*. But President Rafsanjani, if he feels his country's interests seriously threatened, can probably find a complaisant ayatollah to produce an "interpretative" *fatwa* free from the death penalty. In the history of Islam, there are many precedents for such operations by lay rulers through the mouths of clerics. But first the lay rulers must come under serious pressure.

Teutonic tremors

NORMALLY, *Granta*, the highbrow "paperback magazine of new writing", does little to offend the liberal sensibilities of its readers. Not so its next issue. Titled baldly "Krauts!", the issue is as uncompromising as the back cover blurb: "What is it about the German people that produces a nation so — what? So ugly. So dangerous. So predictable . . . *Granta* sets out to find the uncomfortable answer to this simple question: what is the new Germany?"

The issue contains 15 stories, of which Martha Gellhorn's "Why I shall never return to Germany" looks certain to provoke a hostile reaction when the issue hits the bookstands in a fortnight's time. But an advance copy has drawn criticism from an unlikely source. Lord Ridley, whose views on Germany have got him into trouble in the past, says *Granta*'s approach is "pretty unattractive and unintelligent. Obviously they are entitled to say what they like but it seems to me that they do not approach the fundamental questions such as where Germany goes from here."

Gina Thomas, UK cultural correspondent of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, is "staggered. It is dangerous. If you keep bashing the Germans it will turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy. The authors they have chosen are all left-wing — it is the most absurdly one-sided thing." Stefan Möbes, a spokesman from the German embassy, agrees: "This is not a serious way to deal with this problem. It is just to provoke."

But Bill Buford, *Granta*'s editor, is unrepentant. "The cover is asking a question that the rest of the issue sets out to answer. It is trying to represent, in happily exaggerated form, a view that is gaining authority outside Germany — that there is something about the German character. We are tackling the prejudice head on."

Limelight recipe

THOSE who threw eggs, flour and orange juice at Peter Lilley on Wednesday during his visit to the London School of Economics may already be regretting their actions. The social security secretary, almost invisible for years, is secretly rather pleased.

At the 1991 party conference he joked that "a little over a year ago I was a Treasury minister unknown outside the City of London. Now I am a Cabinet minister unknown throughout the United Kingdom." No longer. His pelting at the hands of troublemakers in the LSE dining room before his lecture has brought him into the limelight.

"This is the first time he has had eggs thrown at him. It's clearly a case of the unknown minister emerging," says a delighted aide. A flattered Lilley carried on his speech positively glowing, pausing only to deliver another of his memorable one-liners: "Politicians are often accused of wearing their hearts on their sleeves, but it is not common for one to wear his lunch on his suit." Labour front benchers, however, are already muttering that the incident must have been a case of mistaken identity.

DIARY

● *Sir Tim Bell, Baroness Thatcher's favourite PR man, has turned his attentions to higher things. He is advising the Salvation Army how to raise £5 million to fund its new strategy for the homeless. David McDonough of Lowe Bell Communications, says: "If you recognise that good communication can be the making of anyone, the same rules apply to the prime minister as to someone who wants to run a successful charity." Enough, enough. We'll contribute.*

Worse than his bark

FACED with that particularly awkward decision some executives consult their lawyers. Others seek the counsel of their spouse. But it is a rare and remarkable boss that turns to the executive dog.

One such, however, is Nicholas Byam Shaw, chairman of Macmillan Ltd, the publishers, who in moments of office crisis can turn for advice to his chihuahua, who goes by the suitably literary name of Dashiell Hammett.

"He is a very executive kind of dog," says Byam Shaw. "He goes with me everywhere, which obviously includes the office, and takes an active role. He bites staff he doesn't like and then, naturally, they resign. The most recent case was a rather refined lady, who used to be publishing director of one of our science magazines."

Sticky wicket

EMMANUEL College, Cambridge, has been caught unawares by a disagreement over its sports ground. The council want any new Cambridge college to be built on Emma's sports ground, on Wilberforce Road. The university, however, prefers a field off Huntingdon Road, which is green belt. But what do Emmanuel want?

"As far as I'm concerned no one has said anything either formally or informally about it," says Stephen Brooker, Emmanuel's bursar. "We've had our ground for a hundred years, so if there were any approach it would be a matter for the whole governing body."

Yet Peter Studdert, council director of planning, says: "If Cambridge continues to expand, as the government wants it to, then it is likely that a new college will be built, probably for postgraduates, and on the local plan a suitable site is the sports ground. We are not going to make plans for chipping away at the green belt."

However, David Todd-Jones, the university's director of estate management, says the dispute over the siting of a new college could be academic. "All this may come to nothing. Building a new college, will be entirely dependent on sufficient funds — and we certainly haven't got those at the moment."

● *Spare a thought for the parliamentary all-party greyhound racing group. First it fought and lost a campaign to prevent late-night opening of betting shops. Now it has problems of a more on-course nature. The group, under the chairmanship of Labour MP Willie McKelvey, bought two young greyhounds to demonstrate its commitment to the sport. One flies around the track in hot pursuit of the hare, the other, however, ambles out, ignores the hare and returns to the warmth and comfort of its trap.*



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RESOLUTE FOR PEACE

Western Europe must not fail America in the Balkans

Where Europe faltered, America has provided leadership in the Balkans. President Clinton's courageous decision to include American ground troops in a Nato mission to police a Bosnian settlement brings to diplomacy the essential ingredient of military credibility which had been lacking until now. Equally important is America's determination not just to stop the fighting in Bosnia but to fold a settlement there into a wider Balkan peace. Hence Mr Clinton's wise decision to bring Russia, sidelined by the Europeans and in some danger of being drawn into the Serbian camp, into the centre of America's diplomatic effort: Washington's envoy, Reginald Bartholomew, today makes Moscow his first port of call.

Russian influence with Serbia is vital because America seeks further concessions by the Bosnian Serbs; and also because Washington is bent on preventing the fighting in Croatia and Bosnia from being the precursor of a wider war. The American Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, referred pointedly to the West's repeated failure "to engage early and effectively" in former Yugoslavia. Where Europe responded only after fighting had begun, America intends pre-emptive action. Washington has put Serbia under notice that the US will react forcefully should the war spread. Moscow must underline the message.

The Vance-Owen plan will now be built on rather than discarded. This is due not merely to Lord Owen's barnstorming advocacy in the American media or even to Russia's firm support for it, but to the urgency of silencing the guns. Fear of escalation and concern for human suffering have combined to dissuade America from starting again from scratch. Mr Clinton insists that a lasting settlement requires the unforced assent of all parties, and also that there must be a peace to enforce before America will join its allies in the field. Having set out to improve on the Vance-Owen plan, he has a stake in rapid results.

Mr Clinton will also expect America's European allies to move to a different tune, and a new and faster tempo. Europe should not misinterpret President Clinton's decision to engage American power and prestige. The American strategy is not to adopt "Europe's policy of negotiation rather than force", as the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, fatuously concluded yesterday. Rather, it rejects the notion that these are alternatives. Mediation alone will not restore stability to the Balkans — a conclusion European governments have shrunk from even after months of ceasefires no sooner agreed than broken.

America has left no doubt that it intends diplomacy and military preparations to march in step. Initially, Mr Bartholomew's mission will be matched by other forms of diplomacy. America seeks tougher economic sanctions on Serbia, the setting up of a war crimes tribunal and a largely symbolic UN decision to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia. But Mr Bartholomew's familiarity with Nato, as Washington has made plain, was an important factor in his appointment as America's special envoy.

The new US administration may have given up any illusion that Europeans can safely be left to attend to Europe's security. But it will insist that Europe plays a full part in a Nato enforcement mission. American engagement in the search for peace thus moves the hard questions about European military involvement in the Balkans sharply up the political agenda.

European governments must put their old reservations about Nato involvement "out of area" firmly aside. Far more is at stake here than Balkan suffering. To counter post-communist instability, an administration which came to office pledged to "put America first" is reinventing collective security in Europe. Should European governments fail to respond, they must prepare for American disengagement from Europe — and the disintegration of the alliance of Western democracies that has served the peace for half a century.

PAY AS YOU REIGN

The Queen has now done enough to satisfy her critics

In a peculiarly British form of constitutional change — gradual, voluntary, uncoded by law — the Queen has acceded to popular demands that she and the Prince of Wales pay tax like all private citizens. And she has agreed to pay five more recipients of the civil list out of her own income. The moves require no legislation and we have only the sovereign's undertaking that she intends the arrangement to continue indefinitely. But the concession should now satisfy all but the most unreconstructed republicans.

The Queen was wise to subject herself, as far as possible, to the same regime as everyone else. She and the Prince will pay income tax on their private income at marginal rates of 25 and 40 per cent, and will be liable to capital gains tax too. Inheritance tax will be paid on all bequests save those from one sovereign to the next. This is the only exemption the Queen has claimed; its justification is that the monarchy should not be chipped away with each accession to the throne.

In agreeing to such treatment, the Queen has put paid to criticism that she was aiming to pay the minimum possible amount that could be dressed up as a generous royal concession. Unlike the Prince of Wales's former arrangement, in which he paid a voluntary 25 per cent levy on his Duchy of Cornwall profits, the new deal makes them both subject to higher-rate tax. Any future changes in taxes will apply to them too.

Meanwhile the narrowing of the civil list to encompass only the Queen herself, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen Mother may help to deflect attention away from the antics of the junior members of her family. The Queen's assumption of responsibility for their income should make them more dependent on her goodwill. If that improves their behaviour, so much the better. Now is the time for the sniping at the privileges of the royal family to stop.

Monarchs have to move with public opinion since they rely for their position on widespread support in the country. The Queen, an astute reader of the political scene, rightly judged that the public mood was changing in respect of her financial affairs. But she has now done enough to satisfy most of her subjects' concerns.

Of those who continue to criticise the monarchy, most will simply be republicans. The rest should beware, in their demands for a Scandinavian-style, bicycle-riding royal family, of playing into the republicans' hands. The monarchy survives precisely because it is removed from ordinary life. Monarchy requires majesty to justify its existence. An "ordinary" queen or king would be no different in style from an elected president. If the two were set side by side, politicians would be tempted to argue for the more democratic, if less stately, alternative.

Britain would then be much the poorer. The continuity of institutions has been the foundation of the long history of political stability and peaceful social progress, which has blessed Britain for centuries, almost uniquely among the major European states. Britain also has a talent for monarchy and its associated pageantry; these are among the few skills at which the nation excels. Not only does the monarchy attract visitors to the country; the continuance of its rich history and traditions is part of the warp and weft of British nationhood. Without the palaces and their finery, the state coaches and the processions, Britain could become a drab and rootless place. Britons must not let their monarchy wither away, and the Queen's good sense should ensure that they will not.

SPELL-BOUND

Good spelling should still count

A great English tradition of despair is breached today with the publication of a report suggesting that the nation's teenagers are generally competent spellers. Doom-filled surveys of orthographical catastrophe and Cassandra-like cries that "the language is in jeopardy!" have hitherto been a commonplace of educational comment.

Yet today's report on 1,500 scripts by the National Foundation for Educational Research shows that the spelling performance of 11-year-olds in 1988 was better than that of the same age-group nine years before and that more than a third of 15-year-olds tested over the same period made no mistakes at all. The National Curriculum Council is right to emphasise the importance of spelling in the current review of the English syllabus; but the council's corrective task may not be as Herculean as has been assumed.

Poor spelling has a glorious history in this country. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle and Domesday Book are a riot of unstandardised spelling, usually reflecting variations in local dialect rather than outright linguistic anarchy. Shakespear(e) spelt his name in three different ways and the words in his plays in many more. In modern times, the fictional schoolboy Nigel Molesworth has upheld the banner of the slipshod in his splendid outpourings on "joly times at skool" and the merits of "ko-eddukation". The invention of the printing press and dictionary made verbal standardisation inevitable. In one sense, this process has been entirely arbitrary, a reflection of whim and custom as much as of common sense. Dr Johnson himself could not decide how to spell "smoak".

Too often, moreover, spelling is drummed into children at the expense of tuition in the subtleties of grammar and style. Too rigid an approach to language is bound to be stultifying. Noah Webster, whose *American Spelling Book* (1783) has sold 100 million copies, understood when he wrote his great work that language constantly changes.

But so too do the criteria by which it is judged. More so than in the eighteenth century, correct spelling is one of the essential props which give prose its authority, along with lucidity and grace. It is a symbol of rigour and a desire to communicate clearly according to common rules.

To give children a grasp of spelling, therefore, is not to foster elitism but rather to throw the linguistic net further afield and make cogent self-expression possible for all. Spelling is only the first step into the forum of democratic rights. But today's statistics should hearten teachers whose job it is to cast the spell of language.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The effect on Britain of accepting the social chapter

From Mr Glyn Ford, MEP for Greater Manchester East (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, John Smith is entirely right to reject the government's claims that a British acceptance of the social chapter would wreck the Maastricht treaty (report, February 9).

In parliamentary terms, if the government is defeated on amendment 27 (reversing the British opt-out of the social chapter), there is no inexorable logic presaging the death of the Maastricht treaty. It would certainly not be impossible for other governments to ratify the small adjustment to the treaty in their own national legislatures: despite the hyperbole, small adjustments to the EC treaties requiring national ratification are not infrequent — only last week the procedures were set in motion to call an inter-governmental conference (IGC) to revise the statutes of the European Investment Bank.

The same applies to the recent changes in the number of seats allocated to member states in the European Parliament. Mr Major does not claim that either of these modifications will "wreck" the treaty.

Moreover, there is likely to be a positive political will in Europe to accommodate a revised British position. After all, it was our other 11 EC partners that originally exhausted so much political energy in attempts to dissuade Mr Major from his isolationist stance. They would no doubt be gracious enough to accept him back into the fold as swiftly and smoothly as possible.

A British opt-in is in their interest as much as ours. They recognise the obvious, i.e., that opt-outs from the treaty result in a weaker treaty.

In the short term, re-ratification would at worst prolong the current IGC programme by anything up to a year. In the long term, however, our partners would be thankful to avoid a flawed treaty in which Britain's anomalous position would undermine the rest of Europe well into the next century.

Our partners do not want Britain serving as a Trojan horse to bring "social dumping" inside the walls of the Community, and neither should we, because in seeking to under-cut the wages, health and safety provisions and working standards in the rest of Europe the government would succeed only in impoverishing our own economy further.

Unless Mr Major is truly determined to lower British wages to Taiwanese and Korean levels (and perhaps he is), there is no possibility of Britain being able to forge sustainable economic development on the basis of low-skill, low-wage competitive advantage. Instead we must secure future economic growth by developing the essential component of a successful industrialised economy: a highly skilled, well-paid, reliable workforce. And the social chapter is one of the tools which will help us in this task.

Sincerely yours,
GLYN FORD
(Leader, European Parliamentary Labour Party),
46 Stamford Road,
Mosley, Lancashire.
February 9.

From the General Secretary of the TUC

Sir, To describe as a "farrago" a set of clauses strongly and consistently supported by all other EC governments (mostly Conservative or Christian Democrat), as you do in your leading article, "A good dumping" (February 8), proves to me that you have lost your sense of proportion.

The process of restructuring industry on the attainment of the single European market was always going to be difficult, even if the economic growth which we so badly need had been there. It followed that workers should be informed and involved to the maximum in discussing and understanding the options available. They, after all, have their livelihoods at stake. This explains why the EC's Social Charter of 1989 (which the social chapter implements) has always commanded overwhelming public support.

Growing numbers of British employers accept that it is only a matter of time before the UK's opt-out proves untenable; multinational companies will seek to apply a single set of procedures in their European operation. They will not welcome an empty British government chair at the negotiating table when standards are being drawn up.

No one is talking about having the same pay level in Denmark and Portugal but about basic rights being covered in the contract of employment — in fact, the same "level playing field" which will apply to product standards, environment audits and many other factors.

Some of these standards could be set by framework agreements rather than EC directives. That is why the employers actually suggested the new procedure which is incorporated in the social chapter.

Yours sincerely,
NORMAN WILLIS,
General Secretary,
Trades Union Congress,
Congress House,
Great Russell Street, WC1.

From Mr John Szemerey

Sir, As a Conservative who has lived and worked on the Continent for some years, I congratulate Lord Tebbit on advising Conservative Euro-sceptics to vote with the Opposition on the motion on the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty. And I hope Conservative Europeans who believe that Britain's future is more important than saving John Major's face will vote likewise.

There is nothing objectionable in the Social Charter. It contains nothing but general platitudes and good intentions with which no one can possibly disagree. Where people can reasonably disagree is on the detailed legislation that is or will be based on the charter. In other words, people and governments can disagree on how to put the good intentions into effect.

However, by opting out of the social chapter Britain is excluded from all discussions or votes on proposals coming before the Council of Ministers that deal with or implement any part of this chapter. Social legislation will be adopted without any consideration of the UK's customs, wishes or interests. And when, inevitably, Britain decides to join in the social chapter it will have to accept lock, stock and barrel the social legislation already adopted.

Far better to opt in now.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SZEMEREY,
76 Marnixlaan,
3090 Overijse, Belgium.
February 10.

For childhood ills, recurrent pills

From Dr Philip Sheldon

Sir, "If you want a regular starter, Take Jalop, Ginger and Cream of Tartar." I would not recommend this prescription nowadays (letters, February 1 and 6), but it was a couplet contained in a small book of mnemonics and rhymes to aid the memories of medical students at the beginning of this century, when remedies were more heroic than today.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP W. E. SHELDON,
Rockley Farm House,
Cumnor, Oxford.
February 10.

From Mrs A. G. McMullan

Sir, Remedies during my childhood days of the 1920s and 1930s included one's chest being rubbed with camphorated oil; inhalations of friar's balsam in boiling water from a large bowl (a towel over one's head retaining the steam); Gregory Powders placed on the tongue and washed down with a draught of water; a mixture of butter, sugar and lemon juice for tickly coughs; and a creamy emulsion called, I think, Scotts, which still makes me feel quite sick simply by recalling it.

"Regularity" was almost a religion. Prunes for breakfast; aperients; the daily question, "Have you?"; and, at worst, castor oil or even suppositories. No wonder our generation has produced some tough old birds!

I am, Sir, yours truly,
ANN McMULLAN,
14 Valiant House,
Vicarage Crescent, SW11.
February 7.

From Mr Philip Le Brocq

Sir, Syrup of Figs for starters (flat bottle); Dr Collis Browne for stoppers (brown square bottle); Germolene for cuts (round, yellow tin); and Tincture of Arnica for bruises (blue octagonal bottle): each in its distinctive but user-friendly container. Our struggle, as a family, with the Germolene tin lid often led to the urgent need to uncork the recalcitrant Arnica bottle — and spilling it.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP Le BROCQ,
The Cottage, Le Bourg,
St Clément, Jersey, C. I.

From Mr Jack Evans

Sir, I still have a small box of Gradely Foot Paste "prepared by S. Cheetham & Sons of Hindley Green, nr Wigan". It was handed over to me by my mother in Lancashire many years ago. Only used once by me, we consider its very presence in the house is a sufficient deterrent; no corns ever return after a single application.

Yours faithfully,
JACK EVANS,
2 The Orchards, Mill Road,
Winchelsea, East Sussex.

From Mr Roger Musgrave

Sir, More than 50 years later, I vividly recall the harsh metallic taste of Dinneford's Magnesia; the comforting aroma of Langdale's Essence of Cinnamon; the shameless promise of Eczema-Cure ointment; and my disillusionment on discovering that my Simpson's Iodine Locket contained nothing whatsoever.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER MUSGRAVE,
Flat 7,
416 Wimbledon Park Road, SW19.

From Mr G. A. K. Robinson

Sir, I remember something called Infirmary Cough Mixture. I loved the taste; it was worth having a cough for. I don't recall that it did any good.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY A. K. ROBINSON,
68 Park Street, Bristol.

From Mrs Glyn Daniel

Sir, The nursery laxative at home in the 1920s was a pleasant-tasting pink pill called Purgen. Some went missing one day and general accusations were made. I did not own up. Nurse said: "We shall soon know." We did, and I think that that episode, more than any other transgression, instilled in me a lifelong respect for the truth.

Yours faithfully,
RUTH DANIEL,
70 Bridge Street, Cambridge.
February 10.

Church thefts

From the Reverend Robert Ellis

Sir, Anglican churches in the diocese of Lichfield are being asked to review their security arrangements as a matter of urgency, in view of the leap in church thefts and vandalism which you reported today.

Nineteen incidents of theft, burglary or vandalism were reported in 1980, 253 in 1991 and over 300 last year. Losses have included silver candlesticks, alabaster nativity figures, antique tables, chairs, hangings, antique tiles, lecterns, offertory boxes, stained-glass windows, as well as lead, lawnmowers, piping and building blocks. Over 80 per cent of our churches are now locked during daylight hours, and of the few that remain open some are little more than help-yourself antique supermarkets with no checkouts.

Churches must be persuaded to take their security seriously, so that they can be kept open — a locked church is a sign of failure. They must consider property marking, intruder alarm systems, adequate lighting, video surveillance, the creation of a proper strongroom and removing or replacing valuable items (some churches don't even have a proper list of their contents, so that finding or replacing what has disappeared is impossible).

An open, welcoming, even if vulnerable, church is a powerful symbol of the God we worship. Presumably the converse is also true.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT ELLIS,
St Mary's House, The Close,
Lichfield, Staffordshire.
February 4.

Conservative women

From the Chairman of the Conservative Women's National Committee

Sir, Alice Thomson, reporting on the launch of the Labour party's campaign to get more women elected to the Westminster and European parliaments ("Dough to help the women rise", February 1), refers in almost throwaway terms to our organisation's approach to women MPs.

For years we have encouraged women to go into local and national politics. Much is being achieved. Training and practical help are available and strong ties exist between women MPs and our organisation.

We encourage women to use their talents and abilities: positive discrimination does not necessarily guarantee this. Emmeline Pankhurst wanted equality, not special treatment.

Yours faithfully,
HAZEL BYFORD,
Chairman, Conservative Women's National Committee,
32 Smith Square, SW1.

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Good-quality affordable housing

From Dr Richard Fordham

Sir, The Royal Institution of British Architects (RIBA) has written to 200 housing associations urging them to concentrate on quality not quantity when building affordable housing (report, February 1).

We negotiate affordable housing on behalf of councils, and we find that government advice tends to encourage a lower quality of housing than is necessary.

Apparently obvious ways to control the production of good-quality affordable housing would be to restrict its price or rent to some fraction of current market levels, and to ensure that developers provide the building land at zero price.

The government forbids councils from doing either of these things. Instead, the only practical device offered is to require high densities (20 houses per acre and more) to ensure that only cheap housing is feasible. This tends to fulfil RIBA's fears, as it is difficult to produce attractive layouts at such densities. Moreover, housing associations now pay up to £200,000 per acre for building land. This drives up the rents and reduces the quality of the buildings: some of that money would be much better spent on raising the quality. A zero land price can save 10 to 20 per cent of the total building cost.

The government's advice is based on the fear that the mention of price could lead to legal problems if developers challenged agreements mentioning it. If true, and it is not certainly so, the government should amend the relevant statute (section 106 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act) to permit the mention of price.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD FORDHAM
(Managing Director),
Planning Negotiators,
91 Ledbury Road, W11.
February 2.

Lottery and pools

From Sir Malcolm Thornton, MP for Crosby (Conservative)

Sir, There is one simple reason why the recent debate on the second reading of the National Lottery Bill concentrated so heavily on concerns about the future of the pools industry (political sketch, February 2).

Despite being given numerous opportunities to do so, Department of National Heritage ministers in the debate declined to give the undertaking that they would consider those amendments to the Bill in committee which would allow them to honour their promises not to allow the lottery to harm the pools.

Almost 300 MPs in all parties (including many Conservatives) have signed a Commons motion calling for competition between pools and the lottery to be on "fair and level terms" (early day motion 986).

The national heritage select committee (which of course has a Conservative majority) unanimously recommended that:

the Lottery and the pools should be treated equally with regard to advertising on all media; in the marketing of their products; in the ability to roll-over jackpots; and in the way the pools are promoted to clients who do not wish to exercise the use of skill and judgement (third report, January 14, 1993).

Had ministers indicated before the debate that they accepted these modest changes, the tone of the discussion in the House would undoubtedly have been very different.

Let us hope that they get the committee stage off on the right footing by making clear that they will support the necessary amendments and new clauses.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM THORNTON,
House of Commons.
February 3.

Images of Kasparov

From Dr H. McC. Giles

Sir, "Kasparov ... is a sportsman, writer and man of action, once rescuing families by chartered plane during the massacre of Armenians in Baku three years ago. He is also a tireless worker for international charitable causes" (Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, February 1).

"Trained under the ruthless regime which the Soviet Union used to impose on its chess players, Kasparov has done little else but play chess" (leading article, February 1).

A stimulating variety of opinions is to be welcomed, but I do not think it possible for both these descriptions to apply to the same individual.

Yours faithfully,
H. McC. GILES,
6 Bryony Road,
Birmingham 29.
February 3.

At ease in the air

From Mr Stanley Rivlin

Sir, High-flying readers need not stampede their way to elastic-stocking shops en route to the airport ("Long-haul flights may lead to blood clots", February 2). Simple ankle movements, pivoting from the heel, are all that is necessary to prevent the slowing-down of blood flow which could lead to clotting.

Instead of redesigning seats and giving away hosiery, all the airlines need do is to project a video film showing the dynamic effect of ankle movements in pumping the blood back up the legs.

These simple movements also prevent the swollen ankles so common after over-long flights.

Your obedient servant,
STANLEY RIVLIN,
3 Upper Harley Street, NW1.
February 5.

Rumblings in the gully

From Mr Gareth Wilson

Sir, Does our health and safety legislation, which requires an employer to provide a safe place of work for his employees, extend to our hapless cricketers in India? For there has to be some inherent problem with the water, the food, the air or some other fundamental ingredient which is affecting our players. And are we being truly stiff upper-lipped and saying nothing unkind to our genial hosts when, perhaps, we might be doing the rest of the cricketing world a favour by making the right kind of noises to try to ensure that things improve for the forthcoming World Cup?

Yours faithfully,
GARETH WILSON,
83 Hightrees House,
Nightingale Lane, Clapham, SW12.
February 11.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 11: His Excellency Mr Jan Vilikovsky was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Federal Republic of Slovakia to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Pavel Sisa (Minister-Counsellor), Mr Milos Ruppeldt (Second Secretary) and Mr Vladimir Devecka (Commercial Attaché).

Mrs Vilikovsky was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Peter Harding was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Chief of the Air Staff and upon assuming the appointment of Chief of the Defence Staff.

Sir George Lepping was received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Governor-General of Solomon Islands.

Lady Lepping was also received by The Queen.

The President of Ukraine and Mrs Kravchuk visited Her Majesty and remained to Luncheon.

The Duke of York was also present.

The Queen this afternoon visited All Souls Clubhouse, Cleveland Street, London W1, and was received by the Chairman of Management Committee (Miss Gail Pattinson) and the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Dr Cyril Nemeth).

Having toured the clubhouse, escorted by the Rev Simon Parke (Pastor and Team Leader), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Elton, Sir Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today attended a Luncheon at Midland Bank plc, Poultry, London EC2.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Design Council to view an Exhibition of the work of the winning and other nominated designers of The Prince Philip Prize for the Designer of the Year, Haymarket, London SW1.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the New Zealand Society, this evening attended the Waitangi Day Dinner, the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, London W8.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 11: The Princess Royal this morning opened the Conquest Hospital, St Leonards-on-Sea, Hastings, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

Her Royal Highness, President, the Rural Housing Trust, afterwards opened the trust's new housing development at Buddens Green, Beckley.

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened Burton Cottages, Bishops Lane, Robertsbridge.

Her Royal Highness later opened Greenwich House, Peacehaven Centre, Peacehaven.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Honorary Colonel, University of London Contingent Officer Training Corps, this evening attended the Annual Dinner at Yeomanry House, Handel Street, London WC1.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

February 11: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this morning at a service of Thanksgiving in the Church of St Giles-in-the-Fields, WC2, to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Shaftesbury Homes and "Arethusa".

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 11: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), this morning received Lieutenant Colonel David Wake upon relinquishing command of the 2nd Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Michael Cooper upon assuming command, at Kensington Palace.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Red Cross Youth, afterwards attended a Corporate Luncheon at Searcy's, 30 Pavilion Road, London SW1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

February 11: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Rape Examination and Care Centre, Sunderland District General Hospital, Kayll Road, Sunderland and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Department of Speech and the Students' Union of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and Quality Software Products Limited, OLAS House, Team Valley, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, the United Grand Lodge of England, this afternoon attended a lunch at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2.

The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal Institution of Great Britain, this evening attended a reception to launch a nationwide appeal at 21 Albemarle Street, London W1.

Commander Roger Walker RN was in attendance.

SIMON WALKER



Mirrored beauty: Cynthia Harrison of Sotheby's with a spectacular blue and white porcelain candlestick which is expected to make £250,000 at an auction of Islamic works of art in April. The candlestick, 10in high, dates from the 15th century and is a rare early piece from the Iznik potteries, 100 miles southeast of Istanbul which produced tiles and ornamental work for the Ottoman court. Iznik work was inspired by imported Chinese porcelain, highly prized by the Ottoman rulers, with many Chinese motifs adjusted to suit their taste

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Glasgow Hilton hotel, William Street, at 9.40; and, as chancellor, will visit Edinburgh University at 12.45.

The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, will present a standard to No 13 Squadron Royal Air Force at RAF Honington, Bury St Edmunds, at 11.00.

Dinner

New Zealand Society

The Duke of Edinburgh attended the annual dinner of the New Zealand Society held last night at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, to mark the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. A message from the Prime Minister of New Zealand was read by Mrs Caroline Cazenove, president of the society.

Birthdays today

General Sir John Akehurst, 63; General Sir John Archer, 69; Mr Steve Backley, athlete, 24; Professor A.H. Beckett, former professor of pharmacy, 73; Lord Brocket, 41; Viscount Chandos, 40; Miss Annette Crosbie, actress, 59; Mr Howard Davies, director general, CBI, 42; Sir James Dunnett, civil servant, 79; Dr K.J.R. Edwards, vice-chancellor, Leicester University, 59; Mr Stephen Gibbs, former chairman, Turner and Newall, 73; Lord Granville of Eye, 94.

Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, 83; Mr Paul Hamlyn, publisher, 67; Miss Christine Hancock, general-secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 50; Sir Robin Mackworth-Young, Librarian Emeritus to The Queen, 73; Lord Morison, 62; Lord Moyola, 70; Mr John Raisman, former chairman, Shell UK, 64; Mr Justice Rougier, 61; Sir Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, principal, University of Wales College of Cardiff, 67; Lord Wigoder, QC, 72; Mr Albert Williams, trades unionist, 66; Mr Franco Zeffirelli, opera, film and theatrical producer and designer, 70.

Hampton School

The Governors, Headmaster and Staff at Hampton School invite those Old Hamptonians who attended the School between 1970 and 1975 to a Reunion on Friday, March 26, 1993. Invitations may be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary at the School on 081 979 5526.

Service dinner

Corps of Royal Engineers

The Ambassador of Kuwait and the High Commissioner for Brunei were among the guests at a guest night of the Corps of Royal Engineers held last night at the RE HQ Mess, Chatham. General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer, presided.

Latest wills

Sir Kenneth **MacMillan**, of Wandsworth Common, London SW18, principal choreographer to the Royal Ballet, left estate valued at £838,330.

Mr Harry **Mortimer**, of London W11, the doyen of the brass band movement, a former trumpeter in the Hallé, Liverpool Philharmonic and BBC Northern Orchestras, and brass and military band adviser to the BBC, left estate valued at £303,407 net.

He left £50,000 to the British Open Championship Ltd, for the encouragement of brass band music in the UK, to be called the Harry Mortimer Memorial Fund.

Brian Butler, ninth Earl of **Carrick**, of London SW10, former commodity trader, left estate valued at £2,012,036.

Barbara Mary **Wilmot**, of Washington, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,626,644 net.

She left a few small personal bequests, £2,000 each to the Cancer Research Campaign, National Trust, Multiple Sclerosis Society, World Wildlife Fund, RSPB, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, Woodland Trust, and the Cat Survival Trust, Welwyn, Herts, and the residue to her trustees for research into diseases of the human eye.

Cyril William **Beard**, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £801,082. He left personal legacies totalling £35,000, and the residue to the RNIB.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Anthony George **Walters**, of Shrewsbury, Salop.....£1,577,487

Mr Sydney **West**, of Southsea, Hampshire.....£2,442,740

Mr David **Wilkie**, of Brentwood, Essex.....£952,453

Captain Charles Dominic **Burrell**, retd, of Alnwick, Northumberland.....£1,063,915

Mr Owen Austen **Davis**, of London N6.....£616,296

Mr Kenneth William **Denham**, of Whitby, North Yorks.....£841,003

Mr Denis **Gimson**, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts.....£556,209

Mr Richard Alexander **Hattatt**, of New Milton, Hants.....£853,396

Mr John **Jones**, of Maesycwmmer, Mid Glamorgan, South Wales.....£750,969

Mr Keith Ross **Jones**, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands £535,364

Mrs Enrichetta Lina Marie **Pesci**, of Cambridge.....£1,684,570

Mr Kenneth Arthur **Pinches**, of Weston-super-Mare, Avon £523,096

Mr John Charles **Price**, of Rugeley, Staffs.....£1,226,337

Mr Leonard Guy **Sampson**, of Bedale, North Yorks.....£531,853

Mr Edward Donald **Saunders**, of Dovercourt, Essex.....£1,130,509

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Campion, poet and musician, London, 1567; Jan Swammerdam, entomologist, Amsterdam, 1637; Cotton Mather, Puritan and writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1663; George Hadley, meteorologist, London, 1685; William Whitehead, Poet Laureate 1757-85, Cambridge, baptised this day 1715; Charles Darwin, naturalist, Shrewsbury, 1809; Abraham Lincoln, 16th American President 1861-65, Larue County, Kentucky, 1809; Edward Forbes, naturalist, Douglas, Isle of Man, 1815; George Meredith, novelist, Portsmouth, 1828; Marie Lloyd, music hall singer, London, 1870; Omar Nelson Bradley, American army general, Clark, Missouri, 1893; Max Beckmann, Expressionist painter, Leipzig, 1884; Roy Harris, composer, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, 1898.

DEATHS: Lady Jane Grey, Queen of England May 6-19, 1553, executed London, 1554; Charles Le Brun, painter, Versailles, 1690; Pierre Marivaux, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1763; Ts'ao Hsueh-ch'in, novelist, Peking, 1763; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Königsberg, Germany, 1804; Sir Astley Cooper, surgeon, London, 1841; Hans von Bülow, pianist and conductor, Cairo, 1894; Lillie Langtry, actress, Monte Carlo, 1929; Charles Voysey, architect, Winchester, 1941; H.M. Bateman, cartoonist, Malta, 1970; Leon Goossens, oboist, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, 1988.

Surrender of French troops who landed at Pembrokeshire, 1797.

The first inter-club football match was played at Sheffield between and Hallam, 1861.

University news

Buckingham

Appointments

Pro-Vice-Chancellor: Professor Martin Ricketts

Dean of Academic Affairs: Professor Robert Pearce

Professor of Law: Dr Francis Rose

Lectureships: Business Studies, Jane Tapsell; History of Art and Heritage, Dr Nicola Smith; Psychology, Dr Olivera Petrovich; Spanish, José Sequeiros.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The following have been elected fellows of the college:

Alexander Cohen, Natesan Rangabashyam, Zaheer Ud Din, John Burgess, Laurence Baker, Jean Keeling, Brian Watt, Andrew Calder, Cheong Siew Keong.

Institute of Physics

The following have been elected to fellowship:

Dr R. Stephen Adrain, Dr Geoffrey Camplin, Dr Bernard Gaydon, Dr Michael Green, Professor Safa Kasap, Dr Stephen Kerr, Dr George McCracken, Dr Gordon Tatlock, Yeow-Chin Yong, Dr Anthony Potts, Dr Philip Bly, Professor Lionel Davis, Jane De Rennes, Professor James Hough, Dr Dennis McMullan.

Inner Temple

The following have been elected as Masters of the Bench:

Mr Justice Singer, Heather Hallett, QC, Michael Lawson, QC, Roger ter Haar, QC, Stephen Bickford-Smith, Margaret Bickford-Smith.

Luncheons

British Red Cross

The Princess of Wales was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the British Red Cross yesterday at Searcy's, Pavilion Road. Sir Donald Gosling presided and the other speakers were Mr John Gray, director of public affairs, British Red Cross, and Miss Rula Lenska.

Australian, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea Chambers of Commerce

Mr Peter Middleton was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given yesterday by the Australian, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea Chambers of Commerce at the Four Seasons Inn on the Park hotel. The guests were received by Sir Victor Garland, president of the Australian chamber, and Lord Denman, president of the New Zealand chamber. The Deputy High Commissioners for Australia and New Zealand and the Agents General for Queensland and South Australia were among those present.

Lady McIntosh was among the guests at the luncheon given by the Prime Minister on Wednesday.

Appointments

Kate Markus and George Pulman, QC, to be members of the Legal Aid Board.

Bryan Magee to be a member of the Arts Council.

David James to be National Director of the National Association of Boys' Clubs

Robert Hefin Jones, former head of the education department, Welsh Office, to be a member of the Council on Tribunals; Lionel Frank Read, QC, is reappointed to the council.

Election

Mr Leslie Heaviside has been elected chairman of the British Automatic Sprinkler Association for 1993. Mr David Leonard is vice chairman.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr F.W.B. Bingham and Miss R.R. Keil

The engagement is announced between Benedict, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. Bingham, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Rona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Keil, of Suva, Fiji.

Mr C.H.A. Burrell and Miss A.K. Uloth

The engagement is announced between Duff, younger son of the late Captain and Mrs C.D. Burrell, of Broome Park, Northumberland, and Anneli, daughter of Colonel and Mrs A.C. Uloth, of Nether Wallop, Hampshire.

Mr G.S.H. Clinton and Miss E.H. Gordon Clark

The engagement is announced between Gregory, son of the late Mr Michael Clinton and of Mrs Clinton, of Sedgehill, Dorset, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Gordon Clark, of Lasham, Hampshire.

Mr A.C.S. Debus and Miss D.R. Pooley

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Debus, of Walsall, West Midlands, and Debra, daughter of Mrs Patricia Pooley, of Monmouth, Gwent and the late Mr R.E. Pooley.

Mr M.N. Graffius and Miss S.L. Duguid

The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr M.C. Graffius, of Camberley, Surrey, and Siabhan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lorne Duguid, of Bagley Wood, Oxford.

Mr M.N. James and Señorita E. Artacho Cortés

The engagement is announced between Mark Neville, son of Mr and Mrs J.R.H. James, of Rampart House, Kinsale, Co Cork, and Elena, daughter of Señor and Señora de Artacho, of Madrid.

Captain I.C. Laver and Mrs E.T.A. O'Donnell

The engagement is announced between Captain Iain Laver, Royal Tank Regiment, only son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Cameron Laver and of Mrs Laver, of Kirkcudbright, Scotland, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barton P. Jenks III, of Charlestown, Rhode Island.

Mr N.A.M. MacGinnis and Miss L.C. Brain

The engagement is announced between Niall, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Francis MacGinnis, of Fayence, France, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Brain, of Peterson-super-Ely, South Glamorgan.

Mr C.E. Moore and Miss U.E. Toland

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Paul and Valerie Moore, Donnybrook, Dublin, and Una, only daughter of Liam and Anna Toland, Wimbledon Park, London.

Mr T.P. O'Riordan and Miss E.R. Brice

The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Rear Admiral and Mrs Paddy O'Riordan, of Islip, Northamptonshire, and Lisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Brice, of Mundesley, Norfolk.

Mr P.M.A. Phillips-Davies and Miss S.E. Hutchins

The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Phillips-Davies, of Maldon, Essex, and Sonja, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R. Hutchins, of Welling, Kent.

Mr P.A. Ringrose and Miss F.J. Coe

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BALDWIN - On February 11th in Eye, Suffolk, to Clare (née Durdanthollamby) and John, a son, Joseph Mark, a brother for Lucy and Tom.

BEEVOR - On February 10th, to Artemis (Cooper) and Antony, a son, Adam John Cosmo.

BLAKE - On February 10th 1993, to Kate (née Minton) and Tom, a son, Oliver Henry Stuart, a brother for Alice and Sophie.

BONEIMER - On February 10th, to Clare (née Bardsley) and Nicholas, a daughter, Louisa Katharine, a sister for Serena.

CAMERON - On Tuesday 9th February, to Phoebe (née Moorhouse) and Neil, a daughter, Hermione Elizabeth, a sister for Ewen.

CRANE - On February 7th, to Alison and Peter, a son, Christopher Dominic, a brother for Nicholas.

DRINKWATER - On February 9th in USA, to Charlotte (née Finlay) and James, a daughter, Katherine Bellinda Charwood.

DRUIFF - See Hammond.

DUNN - On 6th January, to Claire (née Turnill) and Richard, a beloved daughter, Catherine Margaret Mary Rose.

GRANVILLE-HAMSHAR - On February 7th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nikki, a beautiful son, Charles Michael J-J and a brother for Tiffany.

HAMMOND - On January 31st 1993, to Naomi (née Druiff) and Robin, a son, Mark Philip Rex.

HARRIS - On February 5th, to Kim (Beames) and Mark, a son, Joseph Adam.

ILEY - On 7th February, to Adrian and Carolyn (née Hutton), a son, Alexander William, a brother for Roberta.

JEFFERSON - On 8th February 1993, to Joanne (nee Southall) and Nigel, a daughter, Sarah Anne, a sister for Hannah.

JENKINS - On 11th February, at The Lincoln County Hospital, to Jean and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Emma.

BIRTHS

MACMILLAN - On February 8th 1993, to Sue and James, a strapping son, Benedict Charles.

MORRISON-WELLS - On February 10th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to June and John, a son, John Francis James, a brother for Elizabeth, Dee Gratias.

NEAL - On 3rd February 1993, at St Mary's Paddington, to Anne Hartness and Douglas, a daughter, Hannah Louise.

TEMPLER - On February 10th 1993, at St George's Hospital, to Caroline (née Evans) and William, a son, Edward James William.

WHITING - On February 1st 1993, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Kay (née Emmins) and Michael, a son, Andrew James, a brother for Matthew.

YATES - On February 9th, in New York, to Jennifer and George, a daughter, Imogen Tatyana.

DEATHS

BALL - On February 10th 1993 at his home, Harry aged 82 years, husband of Miriam and father of Judith Mann, Susan Lightfoot and Stephen. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium North Chapel on Wednesday February 17th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired for the Macmillan Nurses Support Fund c/o Singleton & Hastings Funeral Service, Berners Street, Ipswich, IP1 3LW.

BENSON - On 10th February 1993, peacefully at home, Frank, of Esher. Funeral Service Tuesday 16th February at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

BUCCLEUCH AND QUEENSBERRY - On Wednesday February 10th, peacefully at Boughton House, Mary, Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Melrose, at 11.30am on Tuesday February 16th.

DORMAN - On February 10th 1993, peacefully at home in his 90th year, Laurence Charles, dearly loved husband of Betty and father of Daphne, Charles and Miles. Cremation private.

DEATHS

EYRE - On February 4th, suddenly, Charles Thomas, aged 68, formerly of Leatherhead. Managing Director of TV Centre, Earlsfield and Tru-Fi Group. Much loved husband of Ethel and father of Raymond and Sandra. Funeral Service at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 17th February at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Epsom Hospital, Chest Clinic Fund. Enquiries to Mears & Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, SW18 5EF. tel: (081) 874-7698.

GILLOTT - On 9th February 1993, Nicholas, deeply loved and devoted husband of Bo. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Ilmington, on Tuesday 16th February at 3pm. Donations, if desired, for the Army Benevolent Fund c/o A.E. Bennett & Sons, 34 Sheep St, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6EE.

GOLDSMITH - On Monday 8th February 1993, suddenly but peacefully in Tenerife, Frederick Goldsmith, in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Helene, much loved father of Thomas and founder and Chairman of Goldsmith Crewe & Co. Ltd. Funeral service and interment at the Jewish Cemetery, Duke Street, Southport at 11 am on Thursday 18th February 1993. No flowers please. All enquiries to A.W. Court Funeral Directors. (0622) 850840.

HILL - On Wednesday 10th February 1993, peacefully after a brave fight against cancer, Florence Ethel (Eve). Beloved wife of John and mother of Diana and Julia, stepmother of Inger and Phillip. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Wollaton, Nottingham, on Thursday 18th February at 11.30 am, followed by interment at Beeston Cemetery. Donations to Cancer Research or flowers may be sent c/o A.W. Lymn, Robin Hood House, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham.

JEFFREY - Walter Johnstone, General Secretary of The Writers' Guild of Great Britain, died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday 11th February 1993, aged 65. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday 15th February 1993 at 11.30 am. Flowers and enquiries to A. Frasse and Son, tel: (071) 405-4901.

RUTTER - On February 11th, peacefully at her home in Cardiff, Jill, beloved wife of John, mother of Jeremy and Philippa, grandmother of Lucy, William, Emma and Alice. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, on Tuesday 16th February at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

SINCLAIR NOBLE - It is with great sorrow that Mrs Mavi Nuvolari Sinclair Noble, Kevin, Chandra, Tanith, Gianni, devoted Tony have to tell you of the death of M. Michael Sinclair Noble, Artist (Sculptor) Journalist, Maker, the Butts, Polindep Unit, PW8, who died on February 5th 1993 in Cannes at the age of 73. The funeral has been celebrated in the family privacy in Italy to Castel d'Arlo (Mantova).

STUMP - On February 10th, Henry Winchester (Chester), aged 87. Memorial Service at the Parish Church, Harrietsham, Kent, on Saturday February 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. All enquiries to A.W. Court Funeral Directors. (0622) 850840.

TILLOTSON - On 10th February, suddenly, Margaret (Peggy). Funeral Service on Monday 15th February at Trinity Church, Oxton, at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations to Age Concern.

WAINWRIGHT - On Wednesday February 10th, suddenly at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, John Andrew Worthington aged 78 years. Dear husband of the late Betty, beloved father of Edgar, Angela and Robert and grandfather of Timothy, Amanda, Lucianne, John and James. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Twyford, near Winchester, on Tuesday February 16th at 11 am. Flowers may be sent to A.H. Chester Funeral Directors, Romsey, Hants

DEATHS

WALLACE - Ingeborg Elisabeth on 12th December 1992 in Munich, Germany after great pain and suffering. Deeply loved wife of Alan and mother of Sarah and Jennifer, by whom she is so terribly missed. Funeral Mass at St Cyprians Church, Glentworth Road, NW1 at 12.00 on 12th February. Inga will be laid to rest in the city that she loved, the burial being at Highgate (East) following the service.

WATT - Donald (Jock), on 9th February 1993. Loving husband of Bec, devoted father of Vanessa, adored grandfather of Kate.

WESTWOOD - On February 11th 1993 Frederick John William peacefully after much suffering. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, dearly loved father of Linda and Barry and a dear grandfather. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey on Wednesday February 17th at 10.30 am. Flowers to W.A. Truelove, Church Road, Epsom, Surrey.

WHITBREAD - Peacefully, on February 11th, Henry Charles Whitbread (Charlie), Eldest son of Col W.H. Whitbread, beloved husband of Mary, father of Carrie, Flora and Angie, and grandfather of Rosalyn. Family funeral on Wednesday February 17th at 2.30 pm at Kirdford Parish Church. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The National Asthma Campaign, "marked for research".

WOOLLEN - John Webster, on February 6th. Much loved husband, father and grandpa, after a distressing illness.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BIGG-WITHER - A Memorial Service will be held in Thanksgiving for the life of Richard L Bigg-Wither at St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Tangmere, near Chichester, West Sussex, on Wednesday March 17th at 2.30 pm.

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OBITUARIES

MARY DUCHESS OF BUCCLEUCH



Mary Duchess of Buccleuch, widow of the 8th Duke of Buccleuch, died on February 9 aged 92. She was born on September 17, 1900.

ONE of the last links with the glamorous 1920s world of the Bright Young Things has snapped with the death of Mary ("Mollie") Duchess of Buccleuch. Married to the then Earl of Dalkeith at St Margaret's, Westminster, in the spring of 1921, she was one of the legendary social figures of the inter-war years.

There was, though, nothing of the *grande dame* about Mollie Buccleuch herself. She drew her friends from all walks of life and had a consuming, passionate interest in people. In a relative sense, her own was something of a rags-to-riches story. Born a Lascelles, both her parents died when she was young. She and her sister were brought up by a step-aunt, Lady Richard Cavendish, at Holker in North Lancashire. It was clear from the outset that she would have to make her own way in the world — and this she triumphantly did (at least in the eyes of her somewhat patronising relations) when at the age of 20 she married the heir to one of the largest estates and biggest fortunes in the UK.

Her marriage to Walter Montagu Douglas Scott, the 8th Duke of Buccleuch and the 10th Duke of Queensberry, moved the centre of gravity in her life to the Scottish borders, which she grew to love, and where so many of her next 72 years were spent.

She and Walter lived at Eildon until he succeeded to the dukedom in 1935. Situated on the southern slope of the Eildon Hills, looking towards the Border, in rolling agricultural and pastoral land with its pink soil and the River Tweed near by, it was just the setting for her to come to know her husband's home country. She certainly grew to appreciate just why the Scotts of Buccleuch so loved the Borders.

Walter became member of Parliament for Roxburgh and Selkirk in 1923. Mollie's encyclopaedic knowledge of the Borders, its geography and its people stemmed from those early political campaigns in which she was an energetic and effective canvasser. Her support of a rather shy candidate, her husband, must have made all the difference to his success. Years later she talked about the friendliness and warmth of the people in the mill towns and villages, despite the poverty and unemployment. "We were only booed once and that was by the Duke of Roxburghe's tenants. I expect Bobo put them up to it".

The 8th Duke died in 1935, which meant, for Walter, an end to his life in the House of Commons and, for them both, the move from Eildon. To assume the responsibility for three major houses, Drumlanrig, Bowhill and Boughton, must have seemed a daunting prospect. All three were in considerable need of modernisation, particularly of the heating and plumbing. During the first winter at Bowhill, the cold was so intense that coats, hats and gloves were worn day and night and dinner was served in the dining room fireplace.

With her accustomed energy and attention to detail, Mollie gradually transformed her three palaces — Dalkeith, built for Monmouth and his wife Anne Buccleuch, had been abandoned some years before — so that over the years they became not only the most delightful places in which to stay, but also very characteristic of her. The photograph albums and the visitors' books are a fascinating record of an interesting and varied period of British history.

Before the war, Mollie welcomed to Boughton many political figures, mainly Conservative, but by no means all sharing the same political views. Churchill, Chamberlain, Eden and Duff Cooper all stayed at Boughton within two years of the start of the war. Another notable visitor, at the request of the Foreign Office during the negotiation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, was King Farouk. The visit was made even more memorable by a last minute switch of bedrooms. Mollie decided to put Farouk's mother, Queen Nasil, into her own bedroom, while she slept in the bedroom originally assigned to the queen. Her sleep and that of the other guests was interrupted by the Controller of the Royal Household, trying to find Queen Nasil, his lover. Mollie described the night as being "full of soft padding of feet in the passage, with doors opening and shutting, followed by 'so sorry' ".

Shortly before the war, the Buccleuchs moved to Drumlanrig and this was their main home until the death of the Duke in 1973. Built of pink sandstone, overlooking the Nith and surrounded by the Lowther Hills, it is part castle, part Renaissance palace. Its beauty and the splendour of the surrounding countryside make it one of the most distinguished houses in Britain. Mollie grew quickly to love it and knew the history of every picture and piece of furniture in it. Her guided tours of the house for those lucky enough to stay there were a fascinating canter through the history of Scotland and England, both artistic and political, not, one might say, totally accurate as to fact, but definitely colourful.

Drumlanrig's visitors' book contained an amazing mixture of distinguished people of their time. Sir Stafford Cripps, Sir John Anderson, Lord Woolton, Lady Reading (in her role as head of the WVS), Joyce Grenfell (who was also a relation), Noël Coward, Malcolm Sargent, King Olaf of Norway and many others stayed there during the war. After the war came most members of the royal family, many politicians, Douglas Fairbanks, the Menuhins and a multitude of artists who were in Scotland for the Edinburgh Festival. One year with the Menuhins and others staying for the Festival, the staff were taken ill. Mollie persuaded a distinguished Italian conductor, Vittorio Gui, to do the cooking and a well-known opera singer, Paolo Silveri, acted as butler.

Wartime at Drumlanrig was in its way a rewarding time with the family in the house and many people to stay. Rationing was strictly applied but game was in abundance and the household, to a considerable extent, lived off the land. Walter has been considered, with little justification, to have admired Hitler and to have been a friend of Ribbentrop's. His name is frequently bracketed with people who undoubtedly were more sympathetic to Germany's cause. Yet many who stayed at Drumlanrig during the war will remember Walter's story of his one meeting with Hitler when he told him in no uncertain terms that Britain would fight if pushed to it. They will also remember his jokes about Pommery champagne, the last good year of which was 1920, "the year before Ribbentrop became Sales Manager". Fortunately, there was a plentiful supply of Pommery 1920. Mollie was never to be drawn on the nature of Walter's political views. She brushed aside questions about appeasement by saying she took no real interest in political issues at that time.

This may well have been right. Her real interest was in people rather than issues. She saw good and bad in them, and counted as friends as wide a range of people as can be imagined. She was the least "toffee-nosed" person imaginable. People who didn't know her were frequently surprised by her friendships. For instance, she admired and got on well with David Kirkwood, the left-wing Clydeside M.P. Another unexpected friend was Will Y. Darling, the draper who was Provost of Edinburgh. They all worked together for the benefit of the Scottish war effort.

Mollie's influence turned the minds of many of the younger generation of her family towards appreciation of the arts, of literature and of music. But you needed to have your wits about you. When, as a child, you were asked what you were thinking about, it was no good replying "food" or even "my pony". Something like "Mary, Queen of Scots" was a much more acceptable reply.

Mollie knew everyone around Drumlanrig, their names, their children's names, even the names of their canaries or dogs. Everyone enjoyed her visits and appreciated her qualities. The same is true of the people around Boughton — the immaculate restoration of which was very much her personal achievement. She was very proud of the peel of bells rung by the church in Kettering to celebrate her 80th birthday and was touched that they wanted to give her this mark of appreciation.

In old age, Mollie's brain remained alert as ever. She maintained a keen interest in what was going on in the world. She was regularly to be seen at her daughter Lady Caroline Gilmour's June garden parties — and, indeed, was there last summer with the young, as usual, sitting at her feet.

She was not without her faults. She held strong and provocative opinions, some of which were unashamedly biased. But she combined her prejudices with wisdom — and it was usually the wisdom that prevailed. Yet, above all, she had style. That, too, remained with her till the end.

She is survived by her son, the 9th Duke of Buccleuch, her elder daughter, now Elizabeth Duchess of Northumberland and her younger daughter who is married to the former Conservative cabinet minister, Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar.

Gino Bechi

Gino Bechi, the distinguished, Italian baritone, died on February 2 aged 79. He was born in Florence on October 16, 1913.

IN THE decade, 1940-50, Bechi was the leading baritone of his generation in Italy, admired at La Scala and at the Rome Opera for both his singing and acting. He visited Covent Garden with La Scala in 1950 when he appeared as Iago and Falstaff, which he sang under De Sabata's musical direction. He possessed a voice of striking individuality, incisive in both diction and tone. He had the good looks and histrionic ability to complement his vocal attributes, but his voice did not last well and by the time he returned to Drury Lane Theatre in 1958, the tone had lost most of its old resonance, though the singer was then only 45. He retired in 1965 and became a teacher.

Bechi made his debut at Empoli in 1936. His ability was immediately recognised and in 1937 he was called to the Rome Opera. In 1939 he scored a success at the Terme di Caracalla in Rome as Tonio and Amonasro which led directly to his engagement for the 1940-1 season at La Scala.

After the war he had big successes in Lisbon and in South America where he undertook the title role in Thomas's *Hamlet*, neglected since Ruffo's day. He also made several opera films. He left a notable legacy of records, including a number of complete operas, among them *Un ballo in maschera*, *Aida* and *Andrea Chenier* in which he partnered Gigli (these have been reissued on CD).

RICHARD IMISON

Richard Imison, script editor and deputy head, BBC Radio Drama, died of cancer on February 9 aged 56. He was born in Birkenhead, Merseyside, on October 31, 1936.

IN THE notes that Richard Imison provided for his official BBC biography he listed among his 18 interests and hobbies "Speaking (formally and informally!)". For his friends and colleagues, and for the hundreds of radio dramatists he encouraged and developed over his 32 years with the corporation, that passion for talking, for carrying the message of the "art of radio drama", was pre-eminent in his character.

But his speaking was also a skill that the BBC valued and in his last year with the corporation he became radio's spokesman, representing the managing director of network radio throughout the country. For nearly 30 years previously he served as Radio Drama's Script Editor, filtering the thousands of playscripts sent to radio each year to find the 400 or so original dramas that would be produced.

During that time he trawled relentlessly for new writing talent, at home and abroad, and at the first appearance of glasnost he visited the Soviet Union to assemble a season of Russian drama for Radio 3 which introduced to Britain such playwrights as Alexander Gelman and Ludmila Petrushevskaya. His loyalty to unfashionable writers he admired, such as John Arden and Bill Naughton, was rewarded with substantial dramas for radio, including Naughton's last major work, *Derby Day*, a three-hour evocation of a vanished northern England.

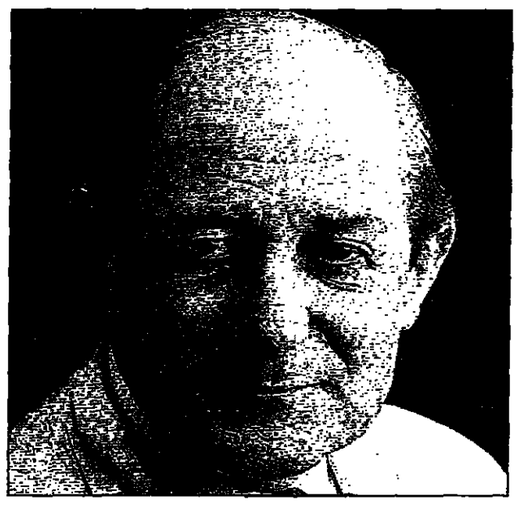
His special eloquence in praise of radio drama came to international notice through his presentations to the European Broadcasting Union, and when the United States set out to revive radio drama in the 1970s Richard Imison went to Washington as a consultant to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. He could claim a fair share of the credit for the form's new fashionableness in America.

Holding such strong, positive opinions as he did, he could also use his powers of argument to represent others and, in his occasional defences of the uses of sexuality and strong language in the playwright's art, relished the role of outsider in an organisation which had been his only career since joining the BBC as a general trainee in 1960.

For his National Service he was commissioned into the RASC in 1955, and served at HQ Welsh Brigade, Brecon. He read archaelogy and anthropology at Cambridge, 1957-1960, touring Shakespeare to Germany in each of those three years.

He had planned a retirement which would allow him to indulge his interest in archaeology and develop his talent for painting. It was also to be his chance to put into writing his knowledge and understanding of radio drama in a long-promised book. The lack of that book is a sad silencing of his eloquence, leaving his important contribution to radio as intangible as the medium itself. Only ten years of prefaces to the annual Giles Cooper prizes for the best radio plays of each year remain to represent his published thoughts on his life's vocation.

He is survived by his wife, Trish, a son and a daughter.



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Mrs Thatcher wins outright

By David Wood
Political Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher last night became the first woman to lead a British political party and to become a potential Prime Minister. Having destroyed Mr Heath in the first ballot by members of the 1922 Committee a week ago, she had an outright victory yesterday over four male challengers.

On the second ballot Mrs Thatcher needed 139 votes, or an overall majority in a Conservative Party of 276 in the Commons, to win outright and make a third ballot unnecessary. She succeeded with seven votes to spare.

Mrs Thatcher's victory is historic. Not only have a majority of the 1922 Committee chosen a woman for the first time to lead them, but she based her challenge to Mr Heath last week and her candidature yesterday in the second ballot on the promise of new (or rather old, and, some backbenchers would say, outmoded) Conservative directions. Her success means that there will be a new style of Opposition, new men eventually on the front bench, and new policies. In that sense, yesterday's ballot represented a Conservative watershed.

She made clear that she hopes that not only Mr Heath but also all the present members of the Shadow Cabinet will consent to serve under her leadership, although not necessarily in their present posts.

In fact, Mr Heath will not agree to serve under Mrs Thatcher, at any rate for some time. His dismissal from the party leadership has bruised him, but he does not show his bruises; and it may be taken for granted that he will, with his customary resilience and courage, accept a role on the back benches and assume the character of an elder statesman of the Conservative Party who is still at call in certain circumstances.

It is ironic that the Conservative Party, with its image (long unjustified) of resistance to change and innovation, should lead the way in bringing a woman politician to supreme power. Many members of the Parliamentary Labour Party made the point last night that, for all their own talk of radical and revolutionary change, it could not have happened among them.

The truth is that after Mr Heath's 10 years as Conservative leader, and particularly after two electoral defeats in 1974, the Conservative Party, now much changed in composition and in mood, wanted a complete change from its recent past.

ON THIS DAY

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"To me," Mrs Thatcher said, "it is like a dream ... I shall take on the work with humility and dedication." Her critics might well doubt the former attribute but no one would deny the latter.

It has been easy, because convenient, to present Mrs Thatcher as the standard-bearer of the Conservative right wing. On some issues of the day she is right-wing, and undoubtedly some of her support came from Conservative backbenchers who have grown weary of liberal and centrist Conservatism because, between 1970 and 1974, it failed on some fundamentals and is held to have betrayed the faith.

But she is not the dyed-in-the-wool right-winger that she has been made out to be during her leadership campaign, as she protested last night.

MOTORING

But my other car really is a Rolls

Vaughan Freeman looks at the growing trend for British families to own a second, but often a smaller, car


JOHN MANNING

The long and the short of it: the novelist, Una-Mary Parker, with her two cars, the Rolls-Royce Phantom V and the Bambi

Most motorists scoff dismissively when the dodgem-sized rust bucket in front of them on the road boasts a rear screen sticker claiming: "My other car is a Rolls-Royce".

When the novelist, Una-Mary Parker, is in town, her preferred form of transport is a tiny bubble car ideal for stealing the parking slot that nobody else can squeeze into. And her other car really is a Rolls-Royce, a 20ft long, 2½ tonne, 1960 Phantom V in regal maroon and black that towers above the low-slung Bambi mini car.

The trend towards owning a second, even a third car, which has been chosen and is used for very specific purposes, is growing. It is one of the reasons why traffic volumes are expected to triple over the next 30 years.

Between 1981 and 1991, the number of two-car households in Britain rose from 32 to 39 per cent, according to the AA's latest survey of motoring fashions. "If this were to continue," the report says, "car owning households with two or more cars could become the norm by the end of the century."

The AA ascribes this increase in the number of cars owned to the boom of the 1980s, and to greater car dependency due to the growing proportion of women in employment. The second car is bought because the family and its needs are growing. This has led to a rash of mini-town cars, van-shaped "people carriers" for family outings and a new series of four-wheel-drive vehicles often bought purely for recreational purposes.

In London, where Ms Parker spends a lot of time attempting to beat the jams to get to book signings and agents' offices, she uses the three-wheel bubble car. Made in Hull, the Bambi uses a 50cc Suzuki motor-cycle engine and has a top speed of 35mph. At barely 6ft in length, it is superbly manoeuvrable and would probably fit without too much shoe-horning into the boot of her other car, the Phantom.

The Phantom is conservatively valued at £250,000. It features a television, air conditioning and telephones, and is used for motorway travel and social events. The Bambi, for all its adaptability, would prove impractical for a full-length evening gown.

"I used to use the Rolls-Royce for driving around town but it became increasingly impossible to find somewhere to park and the problems of getting snarled up in traffic were getting worse," Ms Parker says. She spotted the Bambi in the Cabriolet Cars garage in west London that stores the Phantom. "It makes people laugh, they turn their heads to look. Strangely, I don't feel vulnerable in it because people do notice it. There is no room inside. It takes just a few books and a bag of shopping and that is it.

"There is just one seat and a tiny engine and the only door is on the left hand side. A child of ten could drive it. You just stop or go and there's not much between.

"For a long trip, I still use the Phantom, though."

ROADWISE

Show on the move

BRITAIN'S Motor Show, held every other year at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre since 1978, could soon be moving home.

Sir Hal Miller, the chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), which organises the show, said: "While a Birmingham show attracts large numbers of people from the Midlands and the North West, it does not bring in large numbers from the valuable market areas of London and the South East."

The SMMT will consult its members to decide if the show should be more frequent and, if the venue is to change, where to. London, the show's previous venue, would seem the favourite.

In the picture

☐ Following the first prosecution for speeding using photographic evidence from a "spy" camera, a survey by General Accident shows that 75 per cent of drivers are in favour of the cameras.

Shoulder advice

☐ More than half of women drivers would put themselves at risk of injury if they broke down on a motorway.

An RAC survey found that 53 per cent of women, having left their cars to phone for help would then make the mistake of returning to wait in their car on the hard shoulder. The RAC says motorists should not get back in their vehicle, since many motorway smashes happen when traffic piles into parked cars.

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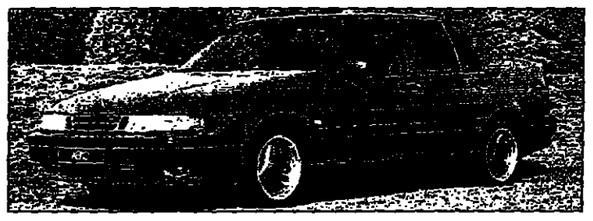
CLIMBING into Saab's new CS 2.3-litre Turbo is a reassuring, cosseting experience. The car gives the impression that no matter what happens after the vault-like doors have shut, the occupants are as safe as anyone has a right to be on the road, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

It seems inconceivable that any engine will be able to move this leather-upholstered, wood-veneered cocoon along the motorways at anything above an ambling pace. But with a stretch of open road in front and the rear-view mirrors empty, the results of firmly jabbing the accelerator become clear.

The transverse-mounted four-cylinder engine, driving through the front wheels, will, the brochure states, propel the car to a top speed of 137 mph. Acceleration from rest is impressive for what is a five-seat saloon, designed for large families, and company directors. It is not a sports car. When it is time to overtake, the turbo delivers such power that the car goes from 40mph to 60mph in about seven seconds, so that on a two-lane road the driver can spot when and where he wants to overtake, pull out and complete the manoeuvre safely.

The list of features is long. Standard equipment across the 9000 range includes anti-lock brakes, power steering, central door locking, heated front seats, electric windows, mirrors and headlamps, and full body safety reinforcement. A driver's side airbag is available as a £600 option. Saab claims a first with its Trionic computer engine management system which, in town centres, will leave the air that has passed through the car cleaner than the surrounding atmosphere.

The margin of safety which goes with the performance is huge, and this combination appeals to Saab buyers. Last year Saab UK sales rose 8 per cent, to take the company's highest ever share, 6.8 per cent, of the executive car sector.



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MOTORING

X-factor that could give Citroën some added zest

The company with fastest-growing sales in Britain is poised to increase its share further when it adds the Xantia to its range

Citroën, it seems, can do no wrong. Especially in the realm of sales, where, in Britain, it has the fastest rate of growth among all car makers.

Citroën sales last month leapt by 57 per cent compared with the same month in 1992, a stunning increase for any month, but particularly significant when that month is January.

Traditionally, more new cars are bought in January than in any other month bar August, which benefits from the new registration letter. More importantly, January cars are bought by more private buyers rather than company fleets. And the "bottom-line" significance of this for the manufacturers is that the profit on each car sold to a private customer is higher than on sales to company car fleet managers.

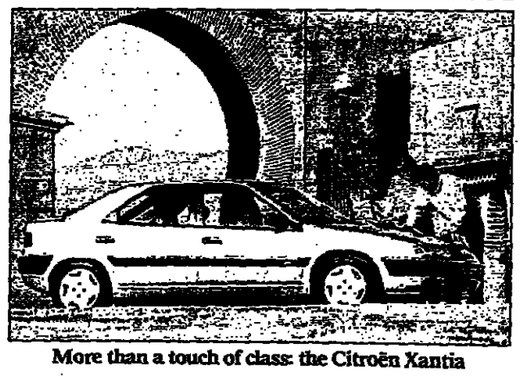
The success of its UK operation will not go unnoticed in Paris, for Citroën's share of the French car market fell last year. Yet in Britain, in a car market that remains static, Citroën sales jumped by 20 per cent.

Among the 10,517 cars Citroën sold last month — giving the company a 6.4 per cent market share — the impressive ZX outsold BMW as well as the VW Golf, helping to put Citroën sales among the top five in the United Kingdom for the first time.

Underpinning the sales success is a range that seems finally to have won the image battle. No longer are Citroëns seen as bizarre but untrustworthy engineering suitable only as idiosyncratic transport for French detectives.

Worries over complex suspension systems and build quality have given way to admiration within the industry for cars that are purposefully engineered and include a range of diesels that Citroën supporters claim is second to none.

Citroën's ZX diesel has just been voted Diesel of the Year by *What Car?* magazine. Either side of the ZX is the XM, which competes in the executive sector and increased sales by 30 per cent in January, and on the other side the AX super mini, which has just taken 2 per cent of the total car market for the first time.


More than a touch of class: the Citroën Xantia

Soon to arrive here is the Xantia, which appears in May and will be unveiled to the public at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

The Xantia will replace the BX and will compete head-to-head with Ford's Mondeo, the Peugeot 405, Vauxhall Cavalier, Nissan Primera and Toyota Carina. The Xantia looks good, with rounded, polished lines, steeply raked bonnet and the windscreen pushed forward to improve visibility and interior space and give the car its eager look. The front-wheel drive, five-door Xantia will come in 1.8-litre and 2.0-litre versions with a five-speed manual gearbox. Performance ranges from a top speed of 117mph for the 103bhp 8-valve 1.8-litre to 132mph top speed for the 16-valve 2.0-litre.

Just in time for the August rush, Citroën is planning that there will also be diesel versions as well as a 1.6-litre petrol engine aimed specifically at the fleet car market. Automatic gearboxes and an estate version are coming.

The suspension is self-levelling and allows the driver to choose "sport" or "auto" settings. The sport ride is firmer for crisper handling, while auto selects between firm and softer settings according to road conditions.

Even the bottom of the range XS model of the Xantia comes with an array of equipment including height adjustable steering, anti-theft locks, side impact doors, power steering, remote central locking and front electric windows. Airbags will be available next year.

> Underpinning the success is a range that has won the image battle

Ironically, Citroën's early success this year may make the Xantia's arrival here in May seem a disappointment. Julian Leyton, a spokesman for the company, says: "Our ambition had been to secure a 5 per cent market share this year, which would be consolidated with the arrival of Xantia.

"Getting more than 6 per cent in some ways could be construed as bad news because we don't expect to reach that month in, month out. Our aim is to hit 5 per cent consistently by the end of this year and the beginning of 1994."

Zero interest finance, plus free insurance on most AX and ZX models, have helped the sales surge, as have reductions of up to £2,000 on the ten-year-old BX design, which is being cleared out of the 250 Citroën dealerships to make way for the Xantia.

Another plus for Citroën has been the continuing swing towards diesel-powered cars. Diesel sales now account for 10 per cent of new car sales, with more motorists attracted by the fuel economy and longevity of such cars. With diesels perceived as Citroën's strength, they are in a commanding position in that sector.

Paul Cox is principal dealer at the Lovelyn Garage, a dealership on the London Road in Kingston, southwest London, where sales have risen even higher than Citroën's national figures.

A fortnight into February, his sales team has already passed targets for the month. Where once 70 per cent of his sales went to large fleet customers, the split now is 55 per cent to fleet, and the rest to private buyers or small firms, showing that the private motorist is taking a closer interest in the cars.

With the AX and ZX introduced in 1991, the XM in 1989 and the Xantia about to be launched, Citroën has one of the newest range of cars on offer. Mr Cox says: "The success is product led.

"The credibility of the marque has moved forward from the days of the DS and GS. Today's Citroëns appeal across a whole section of the market.

"The diesels are second to none and nobody can match their level of equipment for the money. People are coming in to see us who would never previously have considered moving away from Vauxhall and Ford."

Pierre Boisjoly, Citroën UK's managing director, says: "This is a fabulous start to 1993 and clearly shows that the car-buying public appreciate that Citroën are now producing a mainstream model range."

Prices for the Xantia will be announced when the car arrives and nobody will be taking a greater interest than those rival car makers who can only watch as Citroën overtakes them.

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NEWS

Queen to pay full rates of tax

■ The Queen is to pay full rates of income tax and capital gains tax on her private income from April. In a voluntary agreement almost a year in the making, the only significant concession she has won is an exemption from inheritance tax on what she hands on to her successor.

John Major said there could be no question of taxing assets such as the the Crown jewels that the Queen owned from her position as sovereign ..... **Pages 1, 6, 17**

St Bartholomew's Hospital spared

■ St Bartholomew's Hospital is to be spared under the government's review of London health care, the cabinet decided yesterday. The 900-year-old hospital will not survive in its entirety, however, and the range of services it provides will be reduced ..... **Page 1**

Thatcher prerogative

Baroness Thatcher has again defied convention by being allowed special access to confidential official Downing Street papers relating to her 11 years in power. In a highly unusual move, the cabinet office has permitted the former prime minister to remove the documents from No 10 for study at home. The decision is likely to cause some raised eyebrows among Lady Thatcher's predecessors ..... **Page 1**

Lorry jobs at risk

All 5,500 jobs at the troubled Leyland DAF lorry company will be at risk if unions call a strike, the administrative receivers warned last night. Some 1,700 workers, almost a third of the total, are expected to be declared redundant today as the receivers seek to cut costs and restart production ..... **Pages 1, 7, 23**

Rover loses order

Britain's biggest driving school has ended its policy of buying Rover cars and will spend £400 million on models built in Spain. The British School of Motoring said it would buy about 50,000 cars from Vauxhall over the next ten years in one of the biggest single fleet orders in the motor industry. Vauxhall will supply the new Corsa model built at Zaragoza ..... **Page 2**

Safe sex ignored

The safe-sex message of the 1980s is being ignored, according to two surveys released today. One says that HIV infection and gonorrhoea among homosexual men has increased, the other that a quarter of men who use prostitutes refuse to wear condoms and go on to have intercourse with their regular partners. When asked why they used prostitutes, many men said they "got a buzz out of cruising for a prostitute" and they could "get them to do things their partners would not do" ..... **Page 5**

Briton charged

Sandra Gregory, 27, an English teacher from West Yorkshire who is accused of trying to smuggle heroin worth £24,000 out of Thailand, broke down and wept when she appeared in a Bangkok court yesterday ..... **Page 4**

Questions for Clinton

President Clinton is going to great lengths to sell his bitter economic prescription to the country, but his latest move is without precedent. In direct emulation of prime minister's question time, the president might appear on the House floor next week to confront his plan's critics face-to-face ..... **Page 10**

Hindus mobilise

Hardline Hindu organisers of what threatens to be one of the biggest mass protests in India's history have promised to defy a government ban on the demonstration in Delhi, the capital. Intelligence agencies believe at least a million marchers may be involved. The government has placed the army on alert to cope with the possiblity of widespread violence ..... **Page 13**

Rabbis fall foul of dirty tricks

■ Israelis have grown accustomed to dirty tricks during elections, but nothing prepared them for the present unseemly bout between religious leaders for the coveted posts of chief rabbi. Allegations of sex scandals and bugging have clouded the race to such an extent that many Israelis are calling for the institution to be abolished ..... **Page 13**



Black and white of Michael Jackson: the black pop star, who is accused of bleaching his skin to hide his African roots, telling the interviewer Oprah Winfrey that his near-white skin results from a condition causing pigmentation loss. Skin mystery, Page 13

BUSINESS

By George: Eddie George, governor-designate of the Bank of England, said inflation was under control and saw no reason for further interest rate adjustment in the near future ..... **Page 23**

Record loss: General Motors plunged to a world record net loss of $23.5 billion last year, dwarfing the $7.39 billion loss announced by rivals Ford ..... **Page 23**

Markets: The pound fell to a new low of 76.0 on the trade weighted index, closing down 1.03 cents at $1.4182 and down .40 pfennigs at DM2.3510. Shares regained their poise after two days of losses, with the FT-SE 100 index closing up 17.9 at 2,834.3 ..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Cricket: England suffered a punishing day when the second Test match against India started in Madras. Graham Gooch, their captain, had to pull out because of food poisoning and three other players spent much of the day off the field with illness or injury. India are 275 for two ..... **Pages 1, 44**

Football: The Bolton manager Bruce Rioch, who helped Derby to the championship in 1975, returns to the Baseball Ground tomorrow hoping to knock his old club out of the FA Cup ..... **Page 42**

Rugby union: Rob Andrew, who has won 52 caps, and Ian Hunter have been dropped by England for the match against Scotland on March 6. Andrew is replaced by Stuart Barnes ..... **Page 44**

ARTS

Two for the show: The buzz phrase this week among the American chattering clases is "power couple". They are talking about that *liaison dangereuse*, the union of Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Billary, as the presidential team is being snarkily titled, has provided a role model for other power couples to follow ..... **Page 14**

Doctors' dilemma: On Monday, Sir Richard Doll, who first established the links between smoking and lung cancer, will present the results of a 40-year study into the smoking habits of general practitioners. Thirty-four thousand male GPs were enlisted for the survey and 20,000 of them have since died ..... **Page 15**

ARTS

Bold or bloody-minded? Four young artists are showing provocative new work at the Saatchi Gallery, including a sculpted head that oozes real blood ..... **Page 37**

Hit man from Katowice: The Polish composer Henryk Gorecki is as startled as anyone by the phenomenal commercial success of his Third Symphony ..... **Page 37**

Unsmiling eyes: John B. Keane's *Big Maggie* is Ireland's most popular contemporary play. Birmingham Rep is giving this dour portrait of an embittered widow its English premiere ..... **Page 38**

Leeds in the lead: Celebrating the centenary of its charter as a city, Leeds is showing new confidence as cultural pace-setter ..... **Page 39**

MOTORING

Little and large: When the novelist Una-Mary Parker is in town, her preferred form of transport is a tiny bubble car ideal for stealing a parking slot. Her other car, though, is a Rolls-Royce, a 20ft long, 2½ tonne, 1960 Phantom V. The trend towards owning a second or third car chosen for very specific purposes is growing ..... **Page 20**

Hard sellers: Citroën is now the fastest-growing name in British motoring. Sales last month leapt by 57 per cent compared with 1992. The French company will add another string to its bow with the launch in this country of the Xantia, which will be unveiled to the public at the Geneva Motor Show in March ..... **Page 20**



Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner and Europe's chief trade negotiator, arrived in Washington for talks aimed at averting a trade war
Page 10

Dame Shirley Porter has resigned from Westminster council to devote more time to her new role as chairman of a radio station
Page 2



Bettino Craxi, leader of the Italian Socialists, resigned after hearing that magistrates wish to press corruption charges against him
Page 11



Katarina Witt, the 1984 Olympic ice skating champion who later turned professional, is to be allowed to regain her amateur status
Page 42

TV LISTINGS

Edward Said, a Palestinian academic based in New York, draws on the themes of a new book to discuss how Western writers such as Conrad and Kipling have represented notions of empire. *Arena* (BBC2, 9.30pm) ..... **Page 43**

OPINION

Resolute for peace

President Clinton's courageous decision to include American ground troops in a Nato mission to police a settlement in Bosnia brings to diplomacy the essential ingredient of military credibility that had been lacking ..... **Page 17**

Pay as you reign

The Queen has acceded to popular demands that she and the Prince of Wales pay tax like all private citizens. The concession should satisfy all but the most unreconstructed republicans. Britons must not let their monarchy wither away, and the Queen's good sense should ensure they will not ..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

Sunday is the fourth anniversary of the *fatwa* by which Ayatollah Khomeini sentenced Salman Rushdie and his publishers to death. Tehran should be warned that the European community cannot indefinitely continue diplomatic and economic relations with Iran with the *fatwa* in force ..... **Page 16**

JANET DALEY

Britain may be declining as an international power, but in one area it still leads the field. When it comes to selling suspect apple juice or ratcheting up people's overdrafts by charging more for a warning letter than the amount by which they are overdrawn. Britons are world class ..... **Page 16**

LETTERS

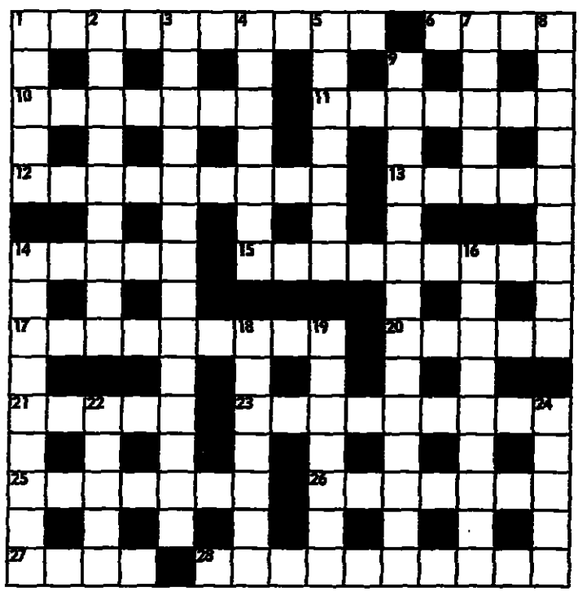
More readers reminisce about the interesting remedies prescribed for childhood ills ..... **Page 17**

THE PAPERS

As if his first three weeks had not been bumpy enough, President Clinton now places a tentative foot on the slipery slope of military engagement. Is anyone in the Oval Office reading history books? It is endemic to the office that Presidents come in full of illusions about the ease of projecting military force. They almost always regret their first sallies into combat

New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,152



ACROSS

1 A great address for a military adventurer (10).
6 River enters another gorge (4).
10 Eastern capital invested once, making fortune today (7).
11 Figures going up in winter after fall (7).
12 Clearly showing event is so special (9).
13 Henchard, for one, making runs with county (5).
14 This involves hearts of man and woman, for sure (5).
15 Leading Russian capital, with name changed (9).
17 International intrigue involving one high-flier, initially (4,5).
20 Offensive refusal to include one of the best people (5).
21 Sound bishop joining the purple (5).
23 Bound, after king's intervention, to become annoyed (9).
25 Dark blue, perhaps, is neat on Scotsman (7).
26 Does for female rabbits, for example (7).
27 Highly elusive creature — however, one might be seen (4).
28 Kind character takes fisherman's bait to loch (10).

DOWN

1 Manuscript containing fine miscellany (5).
2 Places where Mexican food's gobbled up by animals (9).
3 Tropical country you said is in new Caribbean plan (6,8).
4 Understood economist's works (7).
5 Artist has record quantity of beer (7).
7 Strange game (5).
8 Island fellow concocted diary (3,6).
9 Way in which many enter for exam (6,8).
14 Presumably in favour of authentic choral music (9).
16 Sort of horse one trains with difficulty (9).
18 Permit too much freedom (7).
19 Opposing points put in characteristic passage (7).
22 Enemy vessel about to be destroyed (1-4).
24 People's protests cut short (5).

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WEATHER

Most of the country will be cloudy and misty with patchy drizzle, especially on higher ground, but northwest Scotland and the Northern Isles may have more general rain this morning. There could be some brighter spells. Temperatures similar to yesterday, but becoming less windy in north and northwest Scotland. Outlook: rain spreading southeastwards followed by clearer and more showery weather.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Ajaccio	15	59	s	Madrid	9	48	r
Alicante	18	59	s	Majorca	15	59	s
Alex'dria	15	59	f	Malaga	13	55	d
Algiers	18	61	f	Malta	16	61	s
Amst'dm	1	34	c	Melb'rne	28	82	s
Athens	12	54	s	Mexico C*	17	63	s
Bahrain	19	66	s	Miami*	27	81	f
Bangkok	33	91	s	Milan	2	36	fg
Barbados*	28	82	s	Montreal*	-7	19	sn
Barcelna	14	57	f	Moscow	-11	12	s
Beirut	11	52	c	Munich	0	32	c
Belgrade	0	32	c	Naples	14	57	s
Berlin	0	32	c	N Delhi	24	75	s
Bermuda*	22	72	c	N York*	8	46	s
Biarritz	17	63	s	Nice	15	59	s
Borde'x	13	55	s	Oslo	0	32	d
Brussels	2	36	c	Paris	3	37	c
Budapst	6	43	s	Peking	7	45	s
B Aires*	28	82	s	Perth	25	77	s
Cairo	15	59	f	Prague	-2	28	fg
Cape Tn	30	86	s	Reykjavik	7	45	r
Chicago*	3	37	c	Rhodes	15	59	s
Ch'church	13	55	f	Rio de J	35	95	s
Cologne	4	39	s	Riyadh	23	73	f
C'phgn	1	34	fg	Rome	14	57	s
Corfu	13	55	s	Salzburg	0	32	c
Dublin	7	45	c	S'Frisco*	12	54	f
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Santiago*	31	88	s
Faro	16	61	f	S Paulo*	28	79	c
Florence	15	59	s	Seoul	6	43	s
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Funchal	19	66	s	St'holm	4	39	f
Geneva	1	34	c	Strasb'rg	3	37	c
Gibraltar	15	59	c	Sydney	28	82	s
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Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Tunis	15	59	f
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Le Touquet	3	37	c	Vanc'ver*	9	48	c
Lisbon	15	59	f	Venice	12	54	s
Locarno	8	46	s	Vienna	0	32	c
London	3	37	c	Warsaw	1	34	c
L Angels*	14	57	s	Wash'ton*	10	50	s
Luxembg	1	34	c	Wel'rton	15	59	c
Luxor	18	64	s	Zurich	1	34	c

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 5C (41F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6pm, 80 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,031.8 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Kinloss, Grampian, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.04in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Grampian, 5.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 4C (39F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

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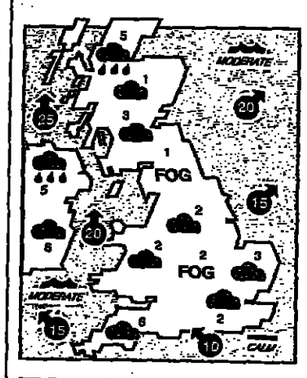
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Birmingham	-	0.02	5	41	dull
Bognor Regis	-	-	4	39	dull
Bournemouth	-	-	4	39	dull
Bristol	-	-	5	41	dull
Buxton	-	0.01	3	37	dull
Cardiff	-	-	5	41	dull
Clacton	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Cromer	-	0.04	4	39	dull
Douglas	-	0.02	5	41	dull
Edinburgh	-	-	7	45	drizzle
Eskdalemuir	-	-	4	39	drizzle
Exmouth	-	0.01	6	43	dull
Falmouth	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Folkestone	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	6	43	drizzle
Guernsey	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	-	5	41	dull
Jersey	-	-	5	41	fog
Kinloss	5.7	-	10	50	sunny
Leeds	-	-	5	41	drizzle
Lerwick	-	0.02	6	43	drizzle
Liverpool	-	-	5	41	drizzle
London	-	-	7	45	dull
Lowestoft	-	0.01	5	41	dull
Manchester	-	-	5	41	drizzle
Margate	X	-	4	39	dull
Minehead	-	-	6	43	dull
Morecambe	-	-	5	41	dull
Newcastle	0.3	0.01	5	41	drizzle
Newquay	-	0.01	6	41	dull
Nottingham	-	0.04	5	41	dull
Penzance	-	-	9	48	dull
Plymouth	-	-	7	45	dull
Poole	-	-	6	43	dull
Prestwick	-	-	6	43	drizzle
Shanklin	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Shoreham	-	-	5	41	dull
Southend	-	-	x	x	dull
Southsea	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.02	7	45	drizzle
Swanage	-	-	6	43	cloudy
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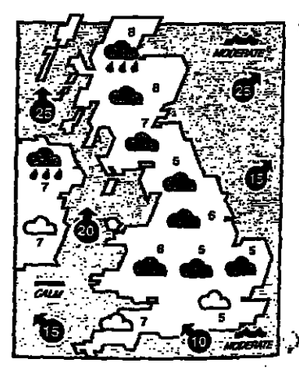
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Australia $	2.195	1.995
Austria Sch	17.70	16.20
Belgium Fr	51.70	47.30
Canada $	1.915	1.765
Denmark Kr	8.51	8.91
Finland Mrk	9.02	8.22
France Fr	8.45	7.75
Germany Dm	2.60	2.30
Greece Dr	337.00	312.00
Hong Kong $	11.66	10.68
Ireland Pr	1.02	0.94
Italy Lire	2305.00	2140.00
Japan Yen	188.00	169.00
Netherlands Gld	2.82	2.58
Norway Kr	10.57	9.77
Portugal Esc	225.50	207.50
South Africa Rd	6.40	4.70
Spain Pta	173.00	160.00
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lire	13900.0	12800.0
USA $	1.515	1.39

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.10 pm to 7.18 am
Bristol 5.20 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 5.10 pm to 7.43 am
Manchester 5.13 pm to 7.32 am
Penzance 5.35 pm to 7.37 am

Sun rises: 7.20 am
Sun sets: 5.10 pm
Moon sets 8.16 am
Moon rises 1.11 am
Last quarter tomorrow

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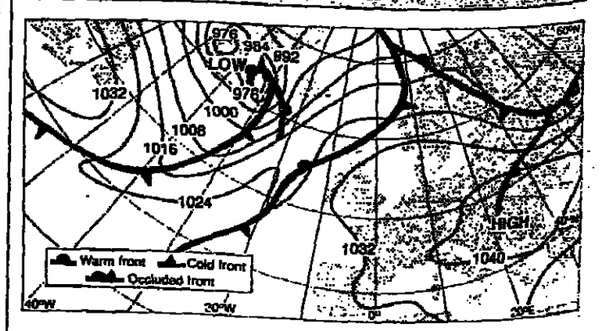
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B'mngham	2	36	c	Inverness	6	43	c
Blackpool	4	39	c	Jersey	5	41	c
Bristol	3	37	c	London	3	37	c
Cardiff	3	37	d	M'chster	3	37	c
Edinburgh	5	41	c	Newcastle	5	41	c
Glasgow	6	43	c	R'nldsway	6	43	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.18	7.2	5.50	6.9	Liverpool	2.39	9.2	3.00	9.2
Aberdeen	4.59	3.9	5.16	4.2	Lowestoft	12.39	2.6	1.32	2.1
Avonmouth	10.59	12.9	11.15	12.2	Margate	3.22	4.9	3.58	4.5
Belfast	2.38	3.2	3.01	3.5	Milford Haven	9.55	6.8	10.19	6.4
Cardiff	10.27	11.9	11.00	11.3	Newquay	8.50	6.8	9.15	6.4
Devonport	9.29	5.3	9.53	5.0	Oban	9.06	3.6	9.30	3.4
Dover	2.26	6.7	2.47	6.3	Penzance	8.38	5.4	9.04	5.1
Falmouth	8.59	5.1	9.23	4.8	Portland	10.17	2.0	10.42	1.7
Glasgow	4.27	4.7	4.30	5.2	Portsmouth	2.48	4.8	3.09	4.5
Harwich	3.12	4.1	3.42	3.8	Holyhead	1.42	5.3	2.04	5.4
Hull	9.55	7.2	10.09	7.5	Shoreham	2.39	6.4	3.03	6.0
Ilfracombe	9.36	8.9	9.57	8.4	Southampton	2.20	4.8	2.40	4.4
King's Lynn	10.16	6.2	10.22	6.5	Swansea	9.59	9.1	10.23	8.6
Leith	6.13	5.3	6.53	5.5	Tees	7.26	5.1	7.41	5.2
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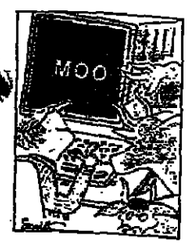
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BP has ruled out a rights issue, despite incurring losses of £458 million last year after restructuring costs of £888 million
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Trafalgar House is raising £204.5 million to bolster a balance sheet weakened by soaring debts and heavy provisions
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THE POUND

US $	1.4182 (-0.0103)
German mark	2.3510 (-0.0070)
Exchange index	76.0 (-0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2834.3 (+17.9)
Dow Jones	3433.76 (+21.34)*
Nikkei Avge	Closed

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6 5/16-6 1/16%
US Federal Funds	2 15/16%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.92-2.90%*
Long Bond	7.27%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4190*	£:$ 1.4185
$:DM 1.6586*	£:DM 2.3540
$:SWfr 1.5355*	£:SWfr 2.1753
$:Fr 5.6095*	£:Fr 7.9755
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 331.65 PM 332.00
Close 331.55-332.05
New York:
Comex 332.25-332.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 139.2 December (2.6%)

* Denotes midday trading price

George backs cuts in rates

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY
ECONOMICS EDITOR

EDDIE George, the next Governor of the Bank of England, voiced strong support for the cuts in interest rates over the past five months. He also expressed confidence about Britain's inflation prospects and a relaxed attitude to the pound's recent falls.

He indicated that there was little risk of interest rates being raised in the near future to defend sterling, and left the way open for another reduction if the economy continued to weaken or if fiscal policy were tightened in the Budget next month.

In his first important policy speech since being designated the Bank of England's next Governor, Mr George stressed Britain's recent successes in curbing inflation and said that this record would not be endangered by sterling's depreciation since leaving the exchange-rate mechanism, provided domestic costs were kept under control.

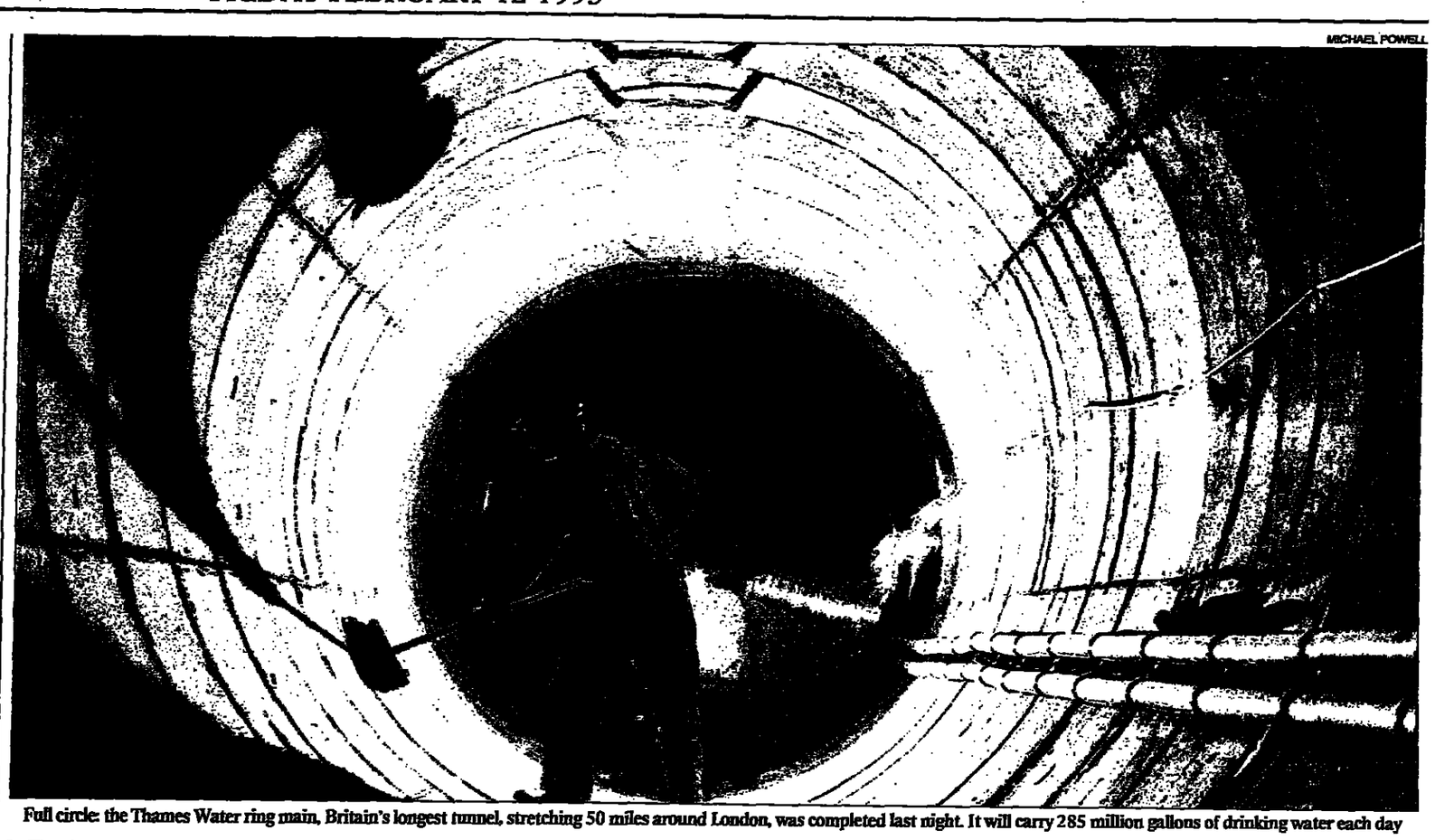
Significantly, Mr George chose a seminar in Frankfurt to deliver the message that inflationary pressures in Britain were now weaker than those in Germany and that this was the fundamental reason why the two countries' monetary-policy requirements had diverged, forcing Britain to leave the ERM.

In a passage that surprised some analysts who had expected Mr George to try to talk up the pound, the Governor-designate said instead that "it was to be expected" that the reductions in British interest rates since last September would "result in a fall in sterling's exchange rate". He predicted that sterling's fall might eventually be reversed as cyclical developments narrowed the gap between British and continental interest rates, but added: "In this connection — on the basis of information currently available to us — the government and the Bank see little justification and very little room for further adjustment in our own stance".

This remark was initially
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George: confident



MICHAEL POWELL

Full circle: the Thames Water ring main, Britain's longest tunnel, stretching 50 miles around London, was completed last night. It will carry 285 million gallons of drinking water each day

Leyland DAF set to shed 1,700 jobs

BY ROSS TIERNAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

The receiver has given warning that 30 per cent of Leyland DAF jobs will be cut in the near future, and that all 5,500 jobs will be lost if a threatened strike goes ahead

UP TO 1,700 redundancies are expected to be declared at Leyland DAF sites across Britain today, raising the threat of an all-out strike.

In a letter to all 5,500 United Kingdom employees, Murdoch McKillop, joint administrative receiver, yesterday gave warning that a strike could trigger redundancy notices to all workers, or closure of the business.

His letter, predicting "a headcount reduction of 30 per cent across the whole of Leyland DAF in the near future", was handed to workers after a series of mass meetings gave approval for a ballot over industrial action. The outcome is expected this afternoon.

Mr McKillop said: "If there is strike action, then all 5,500 jobs with Leyland DAF will most likely be lost, with a knock-on effect to suppliers." The only future for the lorry and van builder, he said, was a slimmed-down operation. "This is what we are trying to achieve. I do not know whether we can succeed, but without your help, we cannot."

Men leaving the van factory in Common Lane, Birmingham, last night believed strike action would jeopardise any jobs that might be saved in a revamped company.

But there is widespread concern over the level of redundancy payments available which, according to Dick Gould, Birmingham convenor, were "totally unsatisfactory". Some long-serving members of the workforce would get little more than £200 for every year of service.

At the Leyland truck assembly plant, where 2,200 are employed, Derek Bullen, the works convenor, said the decision to seek a strike mandate was backed by seven out of ten workers. He complained of a lack of information and consultation from the receivers. "We have been forced into this position," he said.

Despite the prospect of imminent job losses, the administrative receivers reported progress in the battle to restart production halted by the refusal of some suppliers to deliver new components.

Some suppliers last night claimed the problem stemmed from poor communication by the receivers. At GKN, which had earlier been reluctant to dispatch new deliveries, a spokesman said: "We are willing to resume supplies as long as we receive an assured order from the receivers."

Mr McKillop said suppliers "have had to accept that they are unlikely to receive any payment for their outstanding debts." Failure to restart production at Leyland plants would cause many suppliers to fail, he added.

Privately, union officials insisted that strike action is likely to be used only as a last resort.

Officials of the three main unions representing Leyland DAF workers, the AEEU engineering union, T&GWU general union and MSF technical union flew to Eindhoven, in The Netherlands, yesterday for talks at DAF, Leyland's collapsed Anglo-Dutch parent company. They met Cor Baan, DAF's chairman, Frans Klassen, manufacturing director, and Dutch union representatives.

Last night, Karel van Miert, the EC competition commissioner, raised the possibility of making Community funds available, through the European Social Fund, to help areas hit by job losses resulting from collapse of the truck company.

Mr van Miert said the EC would look carefully at any state aid provided to resuscitate the company, adding that aid had been permitted for the motor industry in the past where it was allied to capacity cuts.

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GM crashes to record annual loss of $23.5bn

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

GENERAL Motors, once the world's most powerful car company, reported a $23.5 billion loss last year, more than any company in history.

The loss translates to $30,000 for each employee of its carmaking operations and $3,350 for every car it sold around the world last year.

But the figure, on total sales and other income up 7 per cent at $132 billion, exaggerates the problems of America's leading carmaker. Most of the loss was due to a one-off $21.8 billion charge for the future cost of employee health costs.

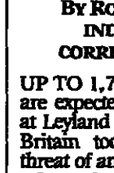
GM says that before special charges, it made a $92 million profit last year, which compares with a 1991 loss of $3.4 billion. Last year's loss after charges was $4.5 billion. The car group will not reveal detailed figures for its Vauxhall operations in Britain, but it is understood it has made a profit for the fifth successive year, on a record market share of 16.7 per cent.

GM's European operations sold more vehicles but saw net income drop from $1.7 billion to $1.2 billion, due to a weak performance from Germany, and executives are cautious over the prospects for this year.

GM's North American car operations are still bleeding badly, losing $4.7 billion last year compared with $7.9 billion the year before.

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Shadows fall across the share casino



ANTHONY HARRIS

The purring sound that is to be heard subliminally in London's high-rise area or near the south end of Manhattan Island is made by bulls. After a string of *anni horribili*, life for the securities industry looks good again. Stock indices are at last breaking through the real levels last seen more than five years ago. After an interval, strong financial markets make strong currencies: the dollar is already showing this, and the pound will no doubt follow in due course.

All this means business for brokers. In London, Cazenove is rushing its clients to the head of a lengthening queue of new issues. Seen against the current miseries of deflating Europe and demoralised Tokyo, it looks like the performance of a system in good shape. Not for nothing, you might conclude, has the London Stock Exchange called its coming electronic trading system Taurus.

Just a minute, though. The US and Britain? Aren't these the countries where much of the political talk is of industrial decline? And isn't that talk supported by endless long-run statistics? Yes, both times. And who is to blame? Poor education? Guilty as charged. Savers who aren't thrifty enough? Up to a point: but in a world of mobile capital, a good securities market should be able to fill the gap by attracting foreign savings. Short-termism? Guilty again; and what is to blame for short-termism? According to a growing school of criticism, it is the structure of those very financial markets that are at the moment so pleased with themselves.

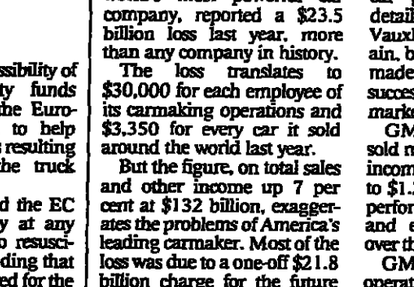
The arguments have been well aired during the current bore-in on corporate governance. British and American companies (especially British ones) are largely owned by savings institutions — pension funds, unit trusts and insurance companies. Owned, but not controlled. These shareholders are bound by their purposes to be highly diversified, so that they are not heavily committed to any one company, however large: this has been christened by Professor Colin Mayer of Warwick, a persistent critic, the outsider system. If performance of a company wobbles, these outside owners like to believe that they can vote with their feet (though in fact the institutions are collectively so large that their holdings are effectively locked in). They are not only timorous, but increasingly ignorant, owing to our laws against insider trading. So companies are driven to massage their figures in secret to produce smoothly impressive quarterly results. What is more, institutional actuaries demand reliable income streams, so companies are driven to sustain payouts even at the expense of research and investment.

Compare and contrast the pattern seen in the manufacturing heavyweights, Japan and Germany — Mayer's insider system. Here, the dominant owners are other companies (more than 40 per cent in Germany, and still more in Japan), the banks (5 per cent in the UK, double that in Germany, again more in Japan) and individuals (15 per cent here, 22 per cent in Germany). These all tend to be long-term holders, to get seats on the board — and, therefore, management information — and to keep executive managers in a healthy state of fear. They value long-term growth over income, and encourage strategic thinking.

Everyone knows the comparative long-term growth figures. It is admittedly hard to prove that the shareholding structure is the cause of poor performance — indeed, the outsider system, with its casino state of mind, may well be superior in attracting high-risk capital. The case for reform, however, is quite persuasive, and highly appealing to politicians looking for something constructive to say.

Some of its current backers could make it still more persuasive. One is Allen Sykes, who may be remembered by older readers as co-inventor of the Financial Doomsday Machine, the arresting argument which showed that inflation coupled to conventional accounts could make sound companies bankrupt. They got stock relief, the biggest corporate concession in history, out of a Labour chancellor. Another reformer, who not long ago published an article called "Punters or proprietors?" is Rupert Pennant-Rae, the surprise winner of the race for next deputy governor of the Bank of England. Perhaps the purring will soon have to stop.

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FUTURES PAGER

Audit Office catalogues errors in sale of Girobank

■ Norwich Union's £378 million bid for Girobank's leasing businesses was reduced by £55 million after the discovery of a clerical error in its detailed tax calculations

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE National Audit Office has published a damning report over the sale of the two main arms of Girobank to the Alliance & Leicester building society and Norwich Union cataloguing a series of errors, miscalculations and delays.

Sir John Bourn, head of the audit office, will unveil the report into the sale to Parliament today.

Chase Investment Bank, which advised the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS) — owner of the Co-op Bank — on its bid for Girobank, and Schroders, which advised the Post Office on the sale, are painted in a particularly poor light. So too is Norwich Union, the life assurance group, which eventually bought the Girobank corporate leasing and hire purchase businesses.

The report shows that the final sale price paid by Alliance of £112 million, before debt repayments, was £18 million lower than had been originally agreed between the Post Office and Alliance. It also says the value of Girobank's gilts and unquoted securities fell by £29 million during the time it took to finalise the sale.

This loss to tax payers was caused by the slump in the value of Girobank investments during a 15-month delay in agreeing details of the sale. Alliance was granted exclusive negotiating rights in April 1989, but the deal was not signed until June 1990.

Girobank's most significant asset, its leasing business, was sold to Norwich Union in March 1990 for £342 million. However, the report says Norwich Union's initial, final and agreed bid was £378 million. It was revised after the Girobank identified a clerical error, made by Norwich Union, in its detailed taxation calculations, effectively overstating its bid by £55 million.

The final price resulted in a £6 million profit for the Post Office over the latest book value, before £7 million capital gains tax on the sale.

The report said the Girobank sale would have been quicker had the trade department and Post Office resolved "the complexities and legal requirements" sooner.

The report highlights the confusion over rival bids for Girobank from Alliance and the Co-op Bank in 1989. Schroders believed both bidders had submitted final offers, with Alliance at £130 million and Co-op Bank at £124 million. However, Chase told the audit office that the Co-op did not believe it was asked by Schroders whether its bid was final.

Sir Peter Gregson, the trade department civil servant who supervised the sale, will face questions on the sale from the backbench public accounts committee next month.

MICHAEL POWELL



No plans for a rights issue: Lord Ashburton, yesterday announcing figures that were in line with City forecasts

BP improvement lives up to City hopes

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

BP SHARES rose 11½p to 277½p after Lord Ashburton, the chairman, said that a rights issue was "not in our plans at present" and announced results in line with the upper limit of City expectations for the fourth quarter of 1992. BP made a loss of £458 million for the year, after charging £888 million in the second quarter for restructuring.

David Simon, the chief executive, said the company was ahead of schedule in the huge restructuring announced at the half-year stage, mainly because the redundancy programme had proceeded faster than expected. BP has reduced overall numbers by 14,500 in the year to end-December and said they will be cut during this year, but did not specify by how much.

In the fourth quarter, BP had net income of £136 million, an improvement over £117 million in the third quarter and a mere £6 million in the final quarter of 1991. Adding in changes in the value of oil stocks, BP rose to £193 million in the fourth quarter from £172 million in the third.

BP also presented figures under the new FRS3 accounting standard. After tax and interest, but before exceptional items, BP made £200 million in the fourth quarter, against £224 million in the third and £58 million in the final quarter of 1991.

The potential volatility of the FRS3 figures is demonstrated by exceptional charges of £7 million, £52 million in the third and an exceptional profit of £14 million in the final quarter of 1991.

As expected, BP paid a same-again quarterly dividend of 2.1p a share, taking the total to 10.5p (16.8p). BP implied that dividends would only be increased when its internal targets were met.

These embrace paying off debts by $1 billion a year and achieving profits of $2 billion a year. BP achieved divestments of £1.058 billion in 1992 but still suffered a cash outflow of £362 million in the year. BP became cash-positive in the fourth quarter, to the tune of £43 million.

Exploration and production rose 30 per cent in the period. Refining and marketing remained depressed but better than in the third quarter.

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BT

Third Quarter Results

Results for third quarter and nine months to 31 December, 1992

	Third Quarter 3 months ended 31 December (unaudited)		9 months ended 31 December (unaudited)	
	1992 £m	1991 £m	1992 £m	1991 £m
Turnover	3,281	3,292	9,812	9,924
Operating profit	830	831	2,120	2,611
Profit before exceptional charges and taxation	761	759	1,923	2,369
Exceptional charges	56	-	191	-
Profit before tax	705	759	1,732	2,369
Profit after tax	450	512	1,088	1,599
Earnings per share	7.2p	8.2p	17.3p	25.6p

"The first signs of a slight improvement in volume growth were perceptible in the second quarter. That improvement has continued into the third quarter and, together with our substantial efficiency gains, it has enabled underlying earnings for the quarter to be held at around the previous year's level. However, the economic outlook remains difficult, while competition and regulation continue to exert pressure on our performance."

Iain Vallance
Chairman
11 February, 1993

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BOC beats forecasts with £90m in quarter

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BOC Group, the industrial gases and healthcare company, comfortably beat City forecasts to turn in pre-tax profits up from £80.1 million to £90.8 million in the first quarter of its financial year, ending December 31.

The shares shot ahead to 751p before slipping to 746p, a net rise of 7p, as the market took on board a note of caution from the company, warning investors that the quarterly comparison should not be taken as an indicator of trends for the rest of the year.

Operating profit less interest rose by 12 per cent, but this was aided by exchange rate movements and at constant rates would have been 6 per cent higher.

BOC's health care division accounted for most of the profits increase, rising £9.6 million to £32.5 million at the operating level and seeing the benefits of a £25 million provision for restructuring taken last year as well as a favourable dollar exchange rate. Vacuum and distribution was held back by a £5 million provision taken in the first quarter to cover that division's restructuring, operating profits falling therefore by £1 million to £2.2 million. The gases side saw profits a little better at £73.8 million against £72.7 million.

Charles Lambert at Smith New Court's profit forecast for the year for BOC remains unchanged at £380 million, up from £339.1 million.

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Drayton Asia is £126m bid target

BY CARL MORTISHED

EFM Dragon Trust, Edinburgh Fund Managers' specialist Far Eastern investment trust, has launched a £126 million all-paper bid for Drayton Asia Trust, managed by Invesco MIM. Drayton Asia shares rose 7p to 115p.

EFM Dragon is offering 663 ordinary shares for every 100 Drayton Asia, which values the Drayton Asia shares at 126p, a 16.7 per cent premium to the pre-bid price. Drayton Asia's warrant holders are being offered three EFM Dragon warrants 2005 for every Drayton Asia warrant.

Irrevocable undertakings to accept the bid have been received in respect of 13.6 per cent of Drayton Asia shares, plus letters of intent for a further 21.4 per cent. If successful, EFM Dragon, whose current market value is £55 million, would become the largest Far Eastern investment trust on the market.

The value of the EFM Dragon offer is equivalent to 96.4 per cent of Drayton Asia's forecast asset value. The FAV formula means that the precise value of EFM Dragon's offer will not be known until the bid goes unconditional.

Statistics from the Association of Investment Trust Companies, referred to in EFM Dragon's offer, state that Drayton Asia net asset value return for the three years to December 1992 was 13 per cent compared with EFM Dragon's 33 per cent.

After the bid, EFM Dragon will reduce its overall management charge to 1 per cent from its current level of 1.2 per cent.

George stresses support for rate cuts

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interpreted by some City analysts as ruling out further interest rate cuts in the foreseeable future. But the context suggested that Mr George was actually arguing against tightening British policy to try to defend the pound by narrowing the interest gap with Germany.

On the foreign exchange market, a weak pound closed at 76 on the trade-weighted index, down 0.4 at a record closing low. It was below $1.42, and just over DM2.3510.

Government officials indicated that Mr George's comment was supposed to preclude a move in interest rates in either direction in the immediate future. But they stressed his proviso that this judgment was based "on the information currently available". He was not ruling out another rate cut if the economy continued to weaken or if the government tightened its fiscal stance in the Budget. Equally, he was not excluding higher rates if inflation unexpectedly worsened.

However, Mr George's speech suggested that the fall in the pound was not seen as a critical threat to price stability at present. The prospect of a falling currency had been taken "fully into account" by the Treasury and the Bank in reaching their judgments about the appropriate level of interest rates.

Mr George said: "Currency depreciation, even if it proves to be temporary, is itself a source of potential inflationary pressure, so there can be no question of benign neglect of the exchange rate. But it is not the sole influence on inflation, and it need not threaten the target for inflation, provided domestic costs remain firmly under control."

Mr George said domestic costs were well under control. The recorded increase in retail prices was running at half that in Germany and average earnings were rising at their lowest rate for 25 years. With productivity rising faster than in previous recessions, unit labour costs, "for so long the Achilles heel of the British economy", were scarcely rising.

Mr George said this favourable background had justified the cuts in interest rates from 10 to 6 per cent since September. "And when I say justified, I mean justified in terms of the government's immediate and longer-term objectives for inflation."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Crest Nicholson turns £59m loss to £2m profit

CREST Nicholson, the Surrey housebuilder and commercial developer, has transformed last year's £59 million loss into a £2 million profit. The turnround is due to record 1,465 house sales which generated profits of £4.8 million in the year to October after last year's £27 million write-down on the value of residential land. Below the line, Crest has provided £3 million for the sale of a discontinued leisure business.

Commercial property made a loss of £2 million and Crest reports slow progress in selling the portfolio due to problems in finding tenants. Borrowings are forecast to rise this year, taking gearing above its year end level of 60 per cent. Crest expects the cost of holding empty commercial property to continue and plans full replacement of its residential land bank. Shareholders' funds fell slightly to £105 million, equal to 87p per share. A nominal 0.01p dividend is to be paid.

Shell chairman to retire

SIR Peter Holmes, 60, is to retire as chairman of Shell Transport and Trading at the end of June. He will be replaced as chairman by John Jennings, who has been a member of the board since 1987. Sir Peter, who has been chairman of Shell Transport since 1985, will also retire as a group managing director of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group on June 30. He will continue to serve on the board of Shell Transport. Sir Peter's position as chairman of Royal Dutch/Shell Group's committee of managing directors will be taken by Cor Herkstroter, who is the president of Royal Dutch Petroleum.

EC steel jobs to fall 10%

THE European Commission yesterday said it expected the number of steelworkers in the Community to fall by about 10 per cent, or 37,000 jobs, this year. The figure has been revised downwards from even gloomier previous estimates. In addition, Eurostat, the commission's statistics agency, claimed that production of crude steel in the Community will fall to 129 million tonnes from 132.4 million tonnes last year. Demand will fall to 121 million tonnes from 124 million tonnes. Altogether, about 50,000 job losses are expected over the next three years, with Germany alone expecting about 20,000.

BES homes venture

THE Bristol & West Building Society is to sell 800 of its repossessed properties through a business expansion scheme. The tenth largest society is the first to use these tax-free funds to remove such properties from its balance sheet. The society plans to raise £45 million for the scheme, which will buy the repossessed properties and rent them out through assured tenancies to the private sector for five years. Some of the properties that will be offered in the new scheme had been included in ten packages of residential property that had been for sale for sums ranging from £1.1 million to £2.8 million.

Rider named at BhS

STOREHOUSE has appointed Graham Rider, its finance director, as acting managing director of BhS. At the same time, Ann Iverson, managing director of Mothercare, is being elevated to the main board of Storehouse. The management shuffle follows Wednesday's announcement that David Dworkin, chief executive, is leaving to take up a position as chief executive of Carter Hawley Hale, a Los Angeles retailer. Ian Hay Davison, Storehouse chairman, said that it was important to maintain continuity in the business. He added that Ms Iverson's appointment would strengthen the group's overall direction.

SEC chief to step down



RICHARD Breeden, right, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, plans to step down before his term expires this summer, a spokesman for the commission said. He has held the post since late 1989. Mr Breeden, a Republican, was widely expected to step down after Bill Clinton's victory. A new SEC chairman has not yet been chosen, though several names are under consideration. Mr Breeden's tenure was marked by a tough stance against market abuse and a broadening of shareholders' powers to challenge management.

ICS benefits from float

INDUSTRIAL Control Services Group, which provides safety and control systems for the oil and gas industry, has benefited from last year's £15 million placing and flotation, having made £2.4 million profits in the six months to November, up 31 per cent. Andrew Leeser, group finance director, said the cash helped to reduce the overall cost base when when leading oil and gas clients were holding back on projects. Turnover was up marginally to £30 million but the company gave warning that the recession is continuing to affect investment in its markets. The interim dividend is 1.3p per share, with earnings of 3.82p per share.

New chairman named

JOHN Roberts, a former managing director of Next, is taking over as executive chairman of Tomorrows Leisure, which owns the 88-acre Pleasure Island complex in Liverpool. John Sanderson, currently chairman and 37 per cent shareholder of the USM company, said that he was vacating his position for personal reasons. Mr Sanderson remains as a non-executive director while Malcolm Powell, the operations director, becomes managing director. Tomorrows Leisure, which was formerly a BES company, made a loss in the six months to September after making a profit last year of £700,000.

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HK Land tightens grip as Trafalgar looks for £204m

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ Total property writedowns of £100 million may be needed, with another £20 million restructuring provision, and the dividend will be cut to 3.25p a share from 6p

TRAFALGAR House, the construction and shipping group, has launched a much-heralded and desperately needed rescue rights issue, raising £204.5 million and at the same time allowing Hongkong Land, its 20 per cent shareholder, to tighten its grip on the share register.

Allan Gormly, Trafalgar chief executive, conceded that but for the rights the group could have been in danger of breaching banking covenants later this year because of soaring debts, and might then have been forced into "avoiding action".

He said Trafalgar had accepted that the balance sheet needed strengthening by a rights issue, but would have preferred to be further along the recovery track and with a few cash-raising disposals under its belt. Instead, a complex cash-raising scheme was offered by Robert Fleming & Co, which is underwriting the issue.

Fleming advised Hongkong in both the dawn raid that netted a 14.9 per cent stake last year and in a subsequent failed tender offer to lift this to 29.9 per cent. The securities house is acting independently of its former client, which in November revealed it had entered into an option arrangement to buy further shares.

Mr Gormly said: "When this opportunity came along, all of us realised it probably wouldn't be there in two to three months, because it's clearly geared to those option arrangements."

The Fleming scheme would see Hongkong's holding rise to 27.2 per cent of the enlarged share capital if its option to buy the shares at 85p from an unnamed third party, a financial institution that is sub-underwriting about 40 per cent of the rights issue, is exercised in full.

The scheme has the blessing of the takeover panel, and Hongkong has said it would eventually like to increase its holding to 29.9 per cent. At the time of the dawn raid and tender offer, the company was regarded as a hostile boarder, but the two sides have buried the hatchet and the option arrangement is effectively underpinning the rights.

A second Hongkong director will go on the Trafalgar board — Sir Charles Powell, a former private secretary and adviser to prime ministers Thatcher and Major.

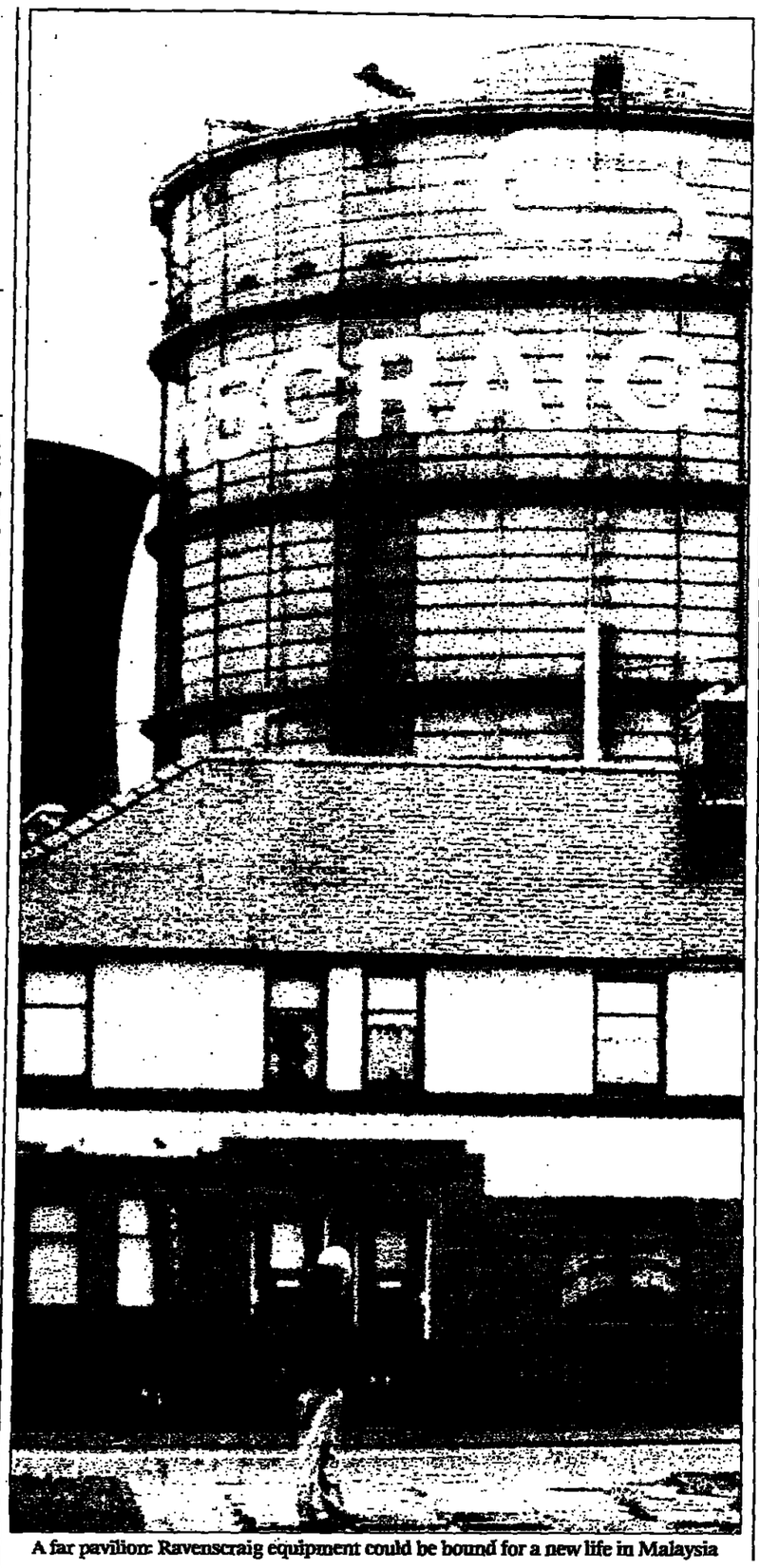
Trafalgar is issuing one new share for every two held, at 60p. Existing shares held up well to the substantial issue, closing 12p lower at 76½p.

The depth of the company's need for fresh funds is apparent from the issue documents. Debts rose from £352.6 million to £580.3 million between September 30 and January 27, and there are further off-balance sheet guarantees totalling £116.3 million.

Trafalgar has reviewed its £724 million property portfolio and is pulling out of US commercial property and its resort developments in the Algarve. Write-downs of £100 million may be needed in the financial year to end-September, with another £20 million restructuring provision.

Trafalgar is shoring up its cash call by forecasting a total dividend this year of 3.25p, a cut from 6p last time but a level that is thought to be sustainable in the future.

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A far pavilion: Ravenscraig equipment could be bound for a new life in Malaysia

Recession and redundancy cut BT profits

By Patricia Tehan

THE cost of BT's enormous redundancy programme, coupled with recession, has cut pre-tax profits for the nine months to December 31 by 27 per cent, to £1.7 billion. The cost of shedding 30,000 staff in the company's Release 92 redundancy programme will be £1.1 billion in the year to March 31.

By the end of December, BT employed 172,200 people, 38,300 fewer than last March. Jobs shed included the 30,000 redundancies, 5,200 people in businesses sold in the first quarter, and natural wastage of about 3,000. The company plans to lose another 15,000 jobs in each of the next two financial years.

Turnover for the nine months fell by 1.1 per cent, to £9.8 million. Earnings per share were 17.3p, compared with 25.6p in the same period of 1991. Third-quarter profits were 7 per cent down at £705 million, on turnover 0.3 per cent lower at £3.28 billion.

Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, said: "The first signs of a slight improvement in volume growth were perceptible in the second quarter." That improvement had continued into the third. However, competition and regulation continued to depress the company's performance.

Inland call revenues were almost static in the nine months, but grew by 1.2 per cent in the third quarter. International call traffic grew by 5 per cent on a 12-month moving average, and international call revenues grew by 4.8 per cent in the third quarter.

Patrick Wellington, telecoms analyst at NatWest Securities, forecasts £2.575 billion for the year to March 31, compared with £3.07 last time.

The National Consumer Council accused BT of making one-off special offers and discounts to large customers instead of cutting prices for ordinary customers. The council called on Oftel, BT's regulator, to insist that stricter price controls in the year from August would mean smaller bills for domestic customers.

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CBI spells out its tax plans for small firms

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor



BRITAIN'S recession threatens to set back progress towards an enterprise culture, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

The CBI wants Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to bring forward a broadly neutral Budget next month, avoiding tax increases that might damage recovery prospects. In additional Budget submissions, dealing specifically with small businesses, the CBI set out ten tax proposals aimed at promoting the growth of smaller firms.

The CBI's paper said "the damaging impact of the recession on smaller business threatens seriously to set back the progress that was made in the 1980s in establishing an enterprise culture".

The proposals include:

☐ allowing smaller firms to write off up to £200,000 of plant and machinery investment in the first year.

☐ raising small companies' corporation tax thresholds.

☐ inheritance tax relief to be extended to include partial holdings in unquoted companies.

☐ VAT penalties should be operated in a "less draconian" manner.

Ward role 'crucial' in takeover

By Jon Ashworth

ONE of the biggest takeover bids in UK corporate history may never have succeeded without the contribution of Thomas Ward, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Mr Justice Turner, summing up in the trial of Mr Ward, said there was little doubt that the American lawyer had played a "crucially important" role in the £2.6 billion takeover battle for Distillers in 1986. The issue, the jury heard, was whether Mr Ward and Ernest Saunders, former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, had acted dishonestly in agreeing a fee of £5.2 million between them. If so, it was necessary to consider whether they had reason to know their actions were dishonest.

Mr Ward denies stealing £5.2 million from Guinness. He claims the money represented a legitimate success fee for his services.

The judge concludes summing up today.

Lonrho profits tumble to £80m

By George Sivell, City Editor

LONRHO yesterday slightly exceeded its rights issue profits forecast with a fall in pre-tax profits from £205 million to £80 million for the year to end September, against the £79 million expected.

The shares rose 6p to 81p as Lonrho confirmed the cut in total dividend for the year from 13p to 4p. It says debts are falling and gearing has dropped to 42 per cent. However, that calculation includes minority interests. Even stripping them out, gearing stands at 60 per cent.

Dieter Bock and Tiny Rowland, the joint chief executives, expect to reduce gearing further in the near future, but Lonrho denied the *Observer* newspaper was to be sold.

The breakdown of profits by division shows the extent that Lonrho has suffered from the fall in precious metal prices. Profit before interest and tax from mineral extraction and refining has fallen from £106 million to £57 million. Turnover fell from £354 million to £309 million and profits before tax dropped from £77 million to £29 million.

Motor and equipment distribution fell from pre-tax profits of £32 million to £14 million on sales of £1,466 million, down from £1,607 million. Agriculture profits fell from £19 million to £13 million on sales up from £117 million to £124 million.

Leisure profits fell from £13 million to £3 million on sales steady at £213 million. General trade profits fell from £35 million to £14 million and manufacturing dropped from £6 million to £3 million and financial services fell from £23 million to £4 million.

Lonrho took an extraordinary profit of £78 million. Profits arose from selling Kühne & Nagel, George Outram, Scottish and Universal Newspapers. Losses of £16 million came from selling Firsteel Group and £53 million of closure costs.

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Ravenscraig equipment poised for the Far East

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

PART of the Ravenscraig steelworks near Glasgow looks set to be dismantled and shipped to the Far East. Ravenscraig was shut down last June with the loss of 1,200 jobs.

British Steel, the plant's owners, has confirmed it is talking to PT Gunawan Dianjaya, the Indonesian steel company, about a possible sale.

British Steel is refusing to discuss details, but talks with the Indonesians are likely to be finished by late April or early May. If an agreement is reached, some of the plant's equipment would be shipped to the Far East where it would begin a new life, probably in Malaysia.

A team from the Indonesian company has visited Ravenscraig, and the company is studying technical reports at its headquarters in Surabaya before finalising the price.

Charles Lewis, a spokesman for British Steel, said: "We are in serious discussions with this company about the sale of Ravenscraig though that is all we can say at the moment. In its heyday in the seventies, Ravenscraig employed 13,000 people.

Ian Lowe, a steel analyst at Smith New Court, said British Steel had written off about £100 million of Ravenscraig assets over several years. "The steel industry will be interested to see what price is paid by the Indonesians. It is only part of Ravenscraig that is under negotiation. At present, it is very difficult to value the assets of the steel industry."

Mr Lowe said the steel industry is currently in discussions with the European Community about cutting capacity. "The last time we had this situation in the early 1980s, companies were told to bulldoze factories to prevent them from cheating. It may be in British Steel's interests to sell parts of Ravenscraig on the world market now, rather than be faced with an order to destroy the plant at a later date."

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	Standard	1.00	0.75
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	£5,000 and over	2.50	1.88
	£1,000 and over	1.50	1.13
	£500 and over	1.00	0.75
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STOCK MARKET

Electricity shares strike brighter note

POWER shares forged ahead, stimulated by a report that regional electricity companies had told the government they had resolved potential differences over coal-fired power generation.

London Electricity brightened 14p to 447p, **Eastern** 11p to 438p, **East Midlands** 10p to 430p, **Midlands** 14p to 470p and **Southern** 15½p to 445p. Among the generators, **National Power** advanced 9p to 304p, while **PowerGen** surged 10p to 306p.

Water shares also regained ground as City followers took the view that the Ofwat report on prices is not such bad news. Among the winners, **Northumbrian** added 10p to 575p, **Severn Trent** 8p to 490p, **South West** 6p to 522p, **Welsh** 11p to 564p, **Wessex** 8p to 605p and **Yorkshire** 8p to 546p.

A strong performance by international and pharmaceutical stocks combined with a wave of reasonable company results and a premium on the futures to help lift the cash market out of the doldrums.

Strong support from American investors helped drug shares rebound. **Glaxo** led the way with a 31p rise to 696p, while **SmithKline Beecham A** added 20p to 466p, and **Wellcome** 20p to 913p.

Reuters also staged a recovery, bouncing 28p to £13.44, assisted by reports of positive notes from SG Warburg and Nomura. A positive start on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 22 points in early trade, also buoyed sentiment in London, despite late rumours of a programme sale by either Goldman Sachs or Smith New Court.

By the close of a relatively volatile session, the FT-SE 100 index had staged a technical rally and clawed back recent losses.

But it gave up some of its one-time 24.3 point advance to finish the day up 17.9 at 2,834.3. Basket and programme trades were evident as investment houses sold the futures to buy the underlying cash market, boosting volume levels to a heavy 889.4 million shares. New time buying, ahead of today's last day of the account, also contributed to the heavy volumes. The nervous underlying tone steadied a little following the recent spate of cash calls, although many are convinced that others will follow.

But with talk of another FTSE stock due to make a cash call, some are questioning how long the City's appetite will last. Fund-raising was again the order of the day, with **Trafalgar House** following hot on the heels of **Commercial Union** for investor cash. The shipping to construction group's £204.5 million rights issue, at 60p a share, was badly received, knocking Trafalgar's shares 12p lower to 76½p.

Forte, up 4p to 190p, also announced a £200 million fund-raising through a debenture issue.

Meanwhile, most interest centred on a flood of company results. Final figures from BP underpinned an optimistic market, with the shares up 11½p to 277½p. Other oil shares were lifted by the BP results. **Shell** added 8p to 596p, **Enterprise Oil** 8p to 473p, **Ranger** 10p to 363p and **Lasmo** firmed 1p to 164p.

Asda Group firmed ¼p to 58½p in heavy trade, with volume reaching 47 million shares. **British Aerospace**, where the OFT decided not to refer the group's proposed Taiwan Aerospace joint venture, firmed 3p to 263p, despite Standard & Poor's decision to cut its ratings on BAe's long-term debt.

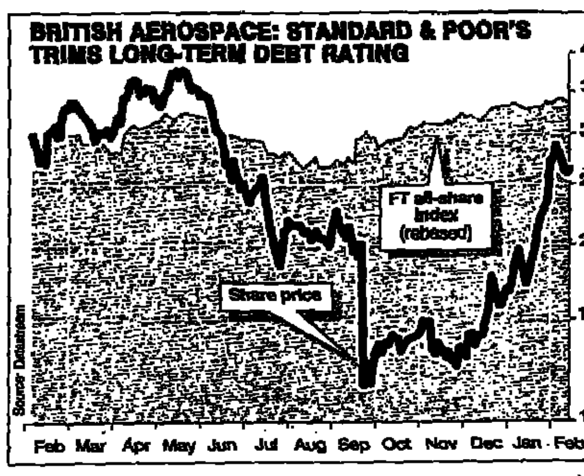
Rolls-Royce lost 2p to 123p, on reports that James Capel was advising its clients to take profits. **British Airways** was also on offer, losing 7p to 288p.

Bid stories kept banking shares on the boil. **Standard Chartered** rose 14p to 645p, to lead the target list, with **TSB Group**, 1p firmer at 172p, not far behind. There have been suggestions that Hill Samuel, TSB's merchant banking arm may be sold today, possibly to Amro Bank. **Euro Disney** advanced 33p to 948p despite an effective profit warning from the company.

Scottish & Newcastle eased 3p to 434p as Barclays de Zoete Wedd downgraded its profit forecasts on the back of a general weakness in the beer market. BZW has cut this year's pre-tax profit forecast from £213 million to £201 million, with next year's estimate trimmed from £240 million to £218 million.

Cookson Group rose 3p to 209p as NatWest Securities put the finishing touches to a buy note, out today. Geoff Allum, of NatWest, thinks Cookson can show good growth this year and next and move margins forward to 9 per cent by the end of 1994 even if economic recovery does not arrive.

PHILIP PANGALOS



BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities drifted lower, ending a quarter-point easier at the longer end ahead of today's January inflation figures.

There were reports of switching out of gilts and into equities and index-linked issues ahead of today's RPI figures, with index-linked sporting gains of up to £½.

The market also saw some switching out of the 15-year bonds into ten-year issues. This was reflected in the relative price falls between the 8 per cent 2003 bond, down £7/32 to yield 8.05 per cent, and the 9 per cent 2008, down £14/32 to yield 8.65 per cent.

The other main area of activity on the yield curve was at the long end, with Forte issuing a £200 million 2018 debenture.

The gilt future lost 15 ticks to finish at £100 30/32, on a volume of 35,000 contracts.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104¼	100⅝	Treas 12½% 1993	102⅞	-⅛	12.15	5.66
100¾	95⅛	Fund 6% 1993	100¼ †	...	5.99	5.66
107⅞	103⅞	Treas 13¼% 1993	106⅞	...	12.94	5.45
103⅝	96¼	Treas 8¼% 1994	102¾	-⅛	8.26	5.46
110⅝	104¾	Treas 14½% 1994	109⅜ †	...	13.30	5.57
110⅝	103⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	109⅛	-⅛	12.38	5.65
105⅝	98⅝	Treas 10% 1994	105⅛	...	9.48	5.67
110⅝	103¼	Exch 12½% 1994	109⅝	-⅛	11.38	5.74
105⅝	96¼	Treas 9% 1994	105⅛	-⅛	8.54	5.74
111⅝	102⅝	Treas 12% 1995	111⅛	...	10.80	5.94
96¾	88¾	Gas 3% 1990-95	96¾	...	3.10	4.56
109¾	99⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	109⅝	-⅛	9.36	6.05
116¼	108¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	116⅝	...	10.94	6.14
120¼	109⅝	Treas 14% 1996	120⅝	-⅛	11.65	6.40
125¼	113⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	125⅛	-⅛	12.19	6.52
120⅛	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119⅝	-⅛	11.08	6.52
111⅝	98⅝	Conv 10% 1996	110⅝	-⅛	9.01	6.66
122⅝	109⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	121⅝	-⅛	10.87	6.82
113¼	100⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	112⅝	-⅛	9.30	6.80
108⅝	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107¼ †	-⅛	8.14	6.81
132¼	117⅝	Exch 15% 1997	131⅛	-⅛	11.43	7.09
112¼	97⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	111¼	-⅛	8.75	6.99
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102¾	98⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	101⅝	-⅛	7.14	6.81
100⅝	86⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99⅝	-⅛	6.77	6.79
137⅝	123⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	136⅝	-⅛	11.34	7.42
121¼	107⅝	Exch 12% 1998	120⅝	-⅛	9.93	7.48
111⅝	97⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	110½	-⅛	8.60	7.29
123¼	109½	Exch 12¼% 1999	122⅝	-⅛	10.01	7.61
116¼	101⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	115¼	-⅛	9.11	7.43
119⅝	100⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	114⅝	-⅛	8.95	7.50
109½	94⅝	Conv 9% 2000	108⅝	-⅛	8.31	7.47
128½	114⅝	Treas 13% 2000	128	-⅛	10.16	7.95
113⅝	99⅝	Treas 10% 2001	112½ †	-⅛	8.89	7.88
128⅝	115⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	127⅝	-⅛	10.94	7.50
111½	98¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	110⅝	-⅛	8.79	8.10
25⅝	21⅝	Treas 8% 2003	24⅝	-⅛	8.08	8.06
113½	100⅝	Treas 10% 2003	112 †	-⅛	8.93	8.28
120⅝	107⅝	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	119⅝ †	-⅛	9.63	8.19
70⅝	59⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70⅝	-⅛	4.94	7.30
109⅞	96⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	107⅞	-⅛	8.80	8.42
109⅝	96⅝	Conv 9½% 2005	107⅛	-⅛	8.81	8.46
128¼	116⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126⅝	-⅛	9.88	8.66
97⅝	89⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	...	8.25	8.45
122½	110⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅞	-⅛	9.72	8.59
100⅝	89⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	99⅝	-⅛	8.56	8.59
135⅝	123⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133¼	-⅛	10.13	8.77
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
104⅝	93⅞	Treas 9% 2008	103⅝	-⅛	8.74	8.65
95⅝	85⅝	Treas 8% 2009	93⅞	-⅛	8.51	8.70
103½	93⅝	Conv 9% 2011	101⅝	-⅛	8.83	8.79
103⅝	93⅝	Treas 9% 2012	101⅝	-⅛	8.84	8.81
72¼	62⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	71½ †	-⅛	7.72	8.56
92⅝	81⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	90⅞	-⅛	8.53	8.69
130⅝	118⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	127⅝	-⅛	9.38	9.01
101¾	91⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	98⅝	-⅛	8.94	8.90
		UNDATED				
45⅝	39¼	Consols 4%	45⅝	-⅛	8.88	...
40¼	35⅝	War Ln 3½%	39⅝	+⅛	8.85	...
63⅝	59	Conv 3½%	61½	...	5.66	...
29⅝	24⅝	Consols 2½%	29⅝	-⅛	8.51	...
29	24⅝	Treas 2½%	28⅝	-⅛	8.83	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133¼	122¼	Treas IL 2% 1994	137⅝	-⅛	...	1.12
197½	176⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	197½ †	-⅛	1.66	2.38
108⅝	100⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108¼	...	2.36	2.90
164½	139⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164⅝	+⅛	2.87	3.19
160⅝	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160⅝	+⅛	3.03	3.30
109⅝	101½	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	109⅝	+⅛	3.14	3.40
165⅝	137⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	165	+⅛	3.24	3.45
149⅝	124⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2009	149	+⅛	3.42	3.60
154½	129⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	154⅝ †	+⅛	3.47	3.64
126½	106⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	126½ †	+⅛	3.52	3.68
134⅝	112¼	Treas IL 2½% 2016	134½	+⅛	3.57	3.72
128⅝	107⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	128⅝	+⅛	3.63	3.76
106⅝	89⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	106½	+⅛	3.66	3.79
107⅝	91⅝	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107⅝	+⅛	3.66	3.80

Rothmans in Far East

ROTHMANS International is setting up a new Asian regional holding company to speed up access to the fast developing markets in North East Asia.

Lord Swaythling, executive chairman, said: "We need to develop the whole of that area rather quicker than is possible to do from further afield.

"It's a way of expediting our success in breaking into the big developing markets there by using our Malaysian and Singapore management."

Rothmans said the new holding company would incorporate its 50 per cent-owned Malaysian and Singapore units with its wholly owned loss-making subsidiaries in North East Asia.

The North East Asia business, managed from Hong Kong and covering China, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea, had trading losses of £16 million in the year to March 31.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Standard Chart	645p (+14p)	Glaxo	696p (+31p)
Euro Disney	948p (+33p)	J Sainsbury	514p (-15p)
Ranger	363p (+10p)	Bass	590p (-13p)
Smithkline	466p (+20p)	Trafalgar House	76½p (-12p)
Wellcome	913p (+20p)	P&O Dfd	550p (-11p)
Royal	288p (+15p)	Rugas	245p (-10p)
Rothmans 'B'	599p (+13p)	IMI	268p (-12p)
Eurotunnel Uts	466p (+16p)	Rank Org	689p (-17p)
ADT	532p (+22p)	Linread	109p (-8p)
Liberty	680p (+17p)	Tesco	230p (-9p)
Admiral	438p (+11p)	Tate & Lyle	401p (-9p)
Broken Hill	680p (+14p)		
Charter Cons	666p (+11p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	62	...
Mauritius Fund ($10¼)	725	...
Motor World (210)	275	...
New City & Comm Inv Tst	87	-1
New City & Comm Wts	21	...
Prime People Warrants	1½	...
Scottish Asian Warrants	255	+10

RIGHTS ISSUES		
ASDA n/p (53)	5	...
Burton n/p (60)	9½	-1½
Commercial Union n/p	90	...
Property Trust 10p (25)	22	...
Stakis n/p (32)	9½	...
Wessex Water n/p (480)	122pm	+6
Whessoe n/p (260)	58	+5

WALL STREET

Treasury bond sale holds Dow back

New York — Shares held firm in mid-morning trading. Analysts said strength in the over-the-counter market provided support for the Big Board, but that gains were limited because of caution ahead of a US Treasury sale of 30-year bonds. "If the auction is disappointing," said Harry Laubscher, a market analyst at Tucker Anthony, "it will have an impact." Bond prices eased slightly. Towards the end of the morning, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 9.99 points at 3,422.41.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The market edged up to a six month high. Most dealers had expected prices to ease slightly this week after sharp gains last Friday on the back of the Bundesbank's surprise cut in leading interest rates. The Dax index ended 1.24 points higher at 1,651.05, its highest close since the 1,659.77 reached last July 21.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Early afternoon gains were extended as selected bargain-hunting on China-concept stocks outstripped mild profit-taking, brokers said. The Hang Seng index rose 21.31 points to 5,856.86.

☐ **Sydney** — Encouraging unemployment data, and campaign promises by both major political parties to help companies, pushed share prices to a six-month high. The All Ordinaries index closed 8.5 points up at 1599.1.

☐ **Tokyo** — The stock market was closed for a national holiday. *(Reuter)*

	Feb 11 midday	Feb 10 close
AMP Inc	58¾	58½
AMR Corp	62⅝	62⅝
Abbott Labs	28	27¾
Aetna Life	51½	51¼
Ahmanson (HF)	20⅝	20⅜
Air Prod & Chem	46½	45⅞
Albertson's	49⅝	49⅝
Alcan Alumnm	19⅝	19
Alco Standard	41½	41½
Allied Signal	66⅝	64⅞
Alum Co of Am	76	75
Amax	19⅝	19⅝
Amerada Hess	51	50⅝
Amer Brands	36⅝	36⅞
Amer Cyanamid	53⅝	53
Amer El Power	34¼	34⅝
Amer Express	24⅝	24⅝
Amer Genl Corp	58⅝	57⅞
Amer Home Pr	63	62⅞
Amer Intl	125⅝	126⅝
Amer Stores	40⅝	41
Amer T & T	54½	53½
Ameritech	74⅝	74
Amoco	54⅝	54½
Anheuser-Busch	57⅞	57½
Apple Computer	55⅞	55⅞
Archer Daniels	25⅝	25⅝
Arkla	8⅞	8⅞
Armco	8⅝	7⅞
Armstrng Wrld	33⅝	32⅞
Asarco	28⅝	27⅝
Ashland Oil	27⅝	27⅝
Atl Richfield	119⅝	117⅞
Auto Data Pro	55½	55⅞
Avery Dennison	26⅝	27⅝
Avon Products	58⅞	58⅝
Baker Hughes	22⅞	22
Baltim Gas & El	24⅞	24⅞
Banc One	52⅝	52⅞
BankAmerica	52⅝	52⅞
Bank of NY	55⅞	55⅝
Bankers Tr NY	68¼	68⅝
Barnett Banks	44⅝	43⅝
Bausch & Lomb	57	57⅝
Baxter Intl	31½	31⅝
Becton Dickinsn	78⅞	78⅞
Bell Atlantic	53⅞	53½
BellSouth	54⅝	54
Black & Decker	19⅝	19
Block (H&R)	41½	40⅞
Boeing	34⅞	35
Boise Cascade	26	26⅞
Borden Inc	26⅞	26
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅞	58⅝
Browning Ferris	27⅞	27⅞
Burlington Nthn	48	47⅞
CBS	203⅝	200⅞
CNA Financial	96⅝	96
CPC Intl	46⅝	46⅞
CSX	75⅞	74⅞
Campbell Soup	41½	40⅞
Can Pacific	13⅞	13⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	501½	499⅞
Cptl Holdings	79⅞	79⅝
Carolina Pwr	29⅞	29⅝
Caterpillar	57⅝	56⅞
Central & SW	30⅝	31
Champion Intl	32⅞	32
Chase Manhat	30⅝	30⅝
Chemical Bk	42⅞	42⅝
Chevron Corp	76⅝	76⅝
Chrysler	40⅞	40⅞
Chubb Corp	93	92⅝
Cigna Corp	67⅝	66⅝
Citicorp	26	25⅝
Clorox	46	46
Coastal Corp	24⅝	24
Coca Cola	40⅞	40⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	59⅞	60
Columbia Gas	22⅞	22⅞
Commonw Ed	25⅞	26
Compaq Comp	49	48⅝
Comp Ass Int	24⅝	24⅝
Conagra	27⅞	27⅝
Cons Edison	34⅝	34⅞
Cons Nat Gas	48⅝	48⅝
Cons Rail	55⅝	54⅝
Cooper Inds	51½	51½
Corning Inc	35⅝	35⅝
Crown Cork	39⅝	39⅝
Dana Corp	47⅞	48⅞
Dayton Hudson	83⅝	82⅞
Deere	47⅝	47⅞
Delta Air Lines	50⅝	50⅝
Deluxe Corp	43	42⅞
Detroit Edison	34⅞	34⅞
Digital Equip	43⅝	43⅝
Dillard Dept St	49⅝	49⅝
Disney (Walt)	47⅞	46⅞
Dominion Res	41½	41⅞
Donnelley (RR)	29⅝	29⅝
Dover Corp	47⅝	47
Dow Chemicals	58⅝	57⅝
Dow Jones	29⅝	29⅞
Dresser	19	19
Duke Power	37⅝	37⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	57	56⅞
Du Pont	49⅝	49
Eastman Kodak	51½	52
Eaton Corp	83⅞	82⅞

	Feb 11 midday	Feb 10 close
Emerson Elec	58⅝	59
Engelhard Corp	42⅞	41½
Enron Corp	54	54⅞
Entergy Corp	34¼	34½
Ethyl Corp	29⅝	29
Exxon	62⅞	62⅝
FMC Corp	46⅞	47⅝
FPL Group	38¼	38⅝
Federal Express	59⅝	58⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅝	80⅞
First Chicago	41½	42
First Interstate	54½	54½
First Union Rlty	11½	11½
Fleet Finl Grp	32⅞	32⅞
Fluor Corp	43½	43⅞
Ford Motor	50	49⅞
GTE Corp	36	36
Gannett	52⅞	52½
Gap Inc Del	35⅝	34¼
Gen Cinema	36⅝	36½
Gen Dynamics	114½	112⅝
Gen Electric	86⅞	86⅞
Gen Mills	66⅞	66
Gen Motors	40⅞	39⅝
Gen Reinsurance	124½	122⅞
Gen Signal	66	65
Genuine Parts	35½	35⅝
Georgia Pac	66½	64⅝
Gillette	55½	54½
Glaxo ADR	19⅝	19⅝
Goodrich (BF)	52⅞	52⅝
Goodyear Tire	71¼	71¼
Grace (W&R)	38⅞	39⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24½	24⅞
Great Wstn Fin	18⅝	18⅞
Halliburton	33⅞	32⅞
Heinz (HJ)	41½	41¼
Hercules	69⅝	69⅝
Hershey Foods	49⅝	50
Hewlett Packard	68¼	68⅝
Hilton Hotels	50⅝	52⅞
Home Depot	64⅝	64⅝
Homestake	12⅞	12⅞
Honeywell	34¼	33⅞
Household Intl	64	64
Houston Inds	47	47⅞
Humana	21¼	21¼
ITT Corp	74⅝	74½
Illinois Tool	73½	73⅝
INCO	24⅝	24½
Ingersoll Rand	34⅞	34½
Inland Steel	24	23⅝
Intel Corp	114⅝	114½
IBM	51½	52⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	107⅞	107⅝
Intl Paper	68⅝	67⅝
James River Va	17⅝	17⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	45⅞	45⅝
K Mart	24½	24⅝
Kellogg	63½	62⅞
Kerr-McGee	46⅞	46
Kimberly-Clark	59⅞	59⅝
Knight-Ridder	62½	62⅝
Lilly (Eli)	56⅝	55⅝
Limited Inc	28	27⅝
LIN Brdcstng	81	79½
Lincoln Nat	74⅞	74
Litton	50	50⅝
Liz Claiborne	41	41⅞
Lockheed Corp	60⅝	58⅞
Louisiana Pac	76⅝	75⅝
MCI Commun	39⅝	39⅞
Marriott	24½	24⅞
Marsh & McLnn	94⅞	94½
Martin Marietta	69⅞	68⅝
Masco Corp	33	33⅞
May Dept St	74⅝	74
Maytag Corp	15⅝	15⅝
McCaw Cellular	35	34⅞
McDonalds	50⅞	50⅞
McDonnell D	53⅝	52⅞
McGraw Hill	61⅞	61½
Mead Corp	42⅞	42⅝
Medtronic	84⅞	84⅞
Mellon Bk	57	56⅝
Melville Corp	50	49⅞
Merck Inc	40⅝	40
Merrill Lynch	67⅝	67⅞
Minnesota Mine	108⅝	109⅝
Mobil Corp	65⅝	65⅝
Monsanto	54⅞	54⅝
Morgan (JP)	63⅝	62⅞
Motorola Inc	56	55⅝
Natl Medical	11	10⅞
Natl Semi	11	10⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅝	26⅝
Navistar Int	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	34⅞	34⅝
NY Times A	28⅝	28⅝
Newmont Mng	40⅝	41⅞
Niag Mohawk	20⅞	20⅝
Nike B	82⅝	81
NL Industries	4⅞	4⅝
Nordstrom	41⅞	41
Norfolk Sthrn	65⅞	64½
Nthn State Pwr	45⅞	45⅝
Norwest Corp	46⅝	45⅞
Nynex Corp	86⅝	86⅝
Occidental Pet	18⅞	18⅝
Ohio Edison	24¼	24

	Feb 11 midday	Feb 10 close
Oracle Systems	31½	31⅞
Oryx Energy Co	19⅞	19⅝
PNC Financial	30⅞	31
PPG Industries	69⅝	68⅝
Paccar Inc	63⅝	61½
Pacificorp	20⅞	20⅝
Pac Enterprises	20⅞	20⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	33⅝	33⅝
Pac Telesis	46⅞	46
Pall Corp	20⅝	21
Panhandle East	20⅞	20⅞
Paramnt Comm	48⅞	48⅝
Parker Hannifin	33	33⅝
Penney (JC)	78⅝	77⅞
Pennzoil	55⅝	54⅝
Pepsico	40⅝	39⅞
Pfizer	64⅝	62⅝
Phelps Dodge	54⅝	54
Philadel Elec	28⅞	28⅝
Philip Morris	73⅝	73⅞
Phillips Pet	27⅞	27⅝
Pitney Bowes	42⅝	41⅝
Polaroid	28⅝	29
Price Co	35⅞	35⅞
Primerica	56⅝	56⅝
Procter & Gmbl	52⅝	51⅞
Pub Serv E & G	32⅞	32⅝
Quaker Oats	65⅞	64
Ralston Purina	49	48⅞
Raychem Corp	41½	41½
Raytheon	54⅞	53⅝
Reebok Intl	36	35⅞
Reynolds Metals	56⅞	55⅝
Roadway Srvcs	71⅝	70⅞
Rockwell Intl	28⅝	29
Rohm & Haas	59⅞	58⅝
Royal Dutch	84⅝	84
Rubbermaid	32⅝	31⅝
Safeco Corp	63	63
St Paul's Cos	82⅝	82⅝
Salomon Inc	41½	41½
Santa Fe S Pac	14⅞	14⅞
Sara Lee Corp	28⅞	28⅝
Scecorp	46⅞	46⅝
Schering Plough	61½	58⅞
Schlumberger	59⅝	59
Scott Paper	40	40
Seagram	27⅞	27⅝
Sears Roebuck	51½	50
Shell Trans	51½	51½
Sherwin Wllms	33⅝	33
Skyline Corp	21½	21½
Snap-On-Tools	32⅝	32⅝
Southern Co	39⅝	39⅝
Sthwestern Bell	69⅝	69⅝
Sprint Corp	27½	28
Stanley Works	42⅝	42⅝
Sun Company	29⅞	28⅝
Suntrust	45⅝	45
Supervalu	32	31½
Syntex Corp	20⅞	20⅞
Sysco Corp	25⅞	24½
TRW Inc	55⅝	55
Tandem Comp	13⅝	13⅝
Tandy Corp	27⅝	27⅝
Telecom Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Teledyne	20⅞	20⅝
Temple Inland	51	51½
Tenneco	44½	44
Texaco	62⅝	61½
Texas Inst	53⅝	53½
Texas Utilities	44⅝	44⅝
Textron	43⅞	43⅝
Time Warner	34⅝	35
Times-Mirror	32⅝	32⅝
Timken	29⅞	29⅞
Torchmark	64⅞	63⅝
Toys R Us	39⅝	39⅝
Transamerica	50⅞	50⅝
Travelers Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Tribune	51½	51½
Tyco Labs	44⅝	44⅝
UAL Corp	125⅞	126⅝
UST Inc	29⅝	30⅝
USX Marathon	18½	18⅝
Unilever NV	104⅝	104⅝
Union Camp	47⅞	47⅝
Union Carbide	17½	17⅝
Union Pacific	61	60⅝
Unisys Corp	12½	12
USAir Group	16⅝	16⅝
USF&G Corp	14⅞	14⅝
US Life	41	40⅝
US West	41	40⅞
United Tech	45⅝	45⅝
Unocal Corp	28⅝	29⅝
Upjohn	28⅞	28⅝
VF Corp	52⅝	53⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	64	64⅞
Warner-Lambert	67	67⅝
Waste Mgmnt Inc	36⅝	35⅞
Wells Fargo	96	94⅝
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	42⅞	42
Whirlpool	51	51⅞
Whitman	14⅞	14⅝
Winn Dixie	76⅝	76⅝
Woolworth	29⅝	28⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30⅞	29⅝
Xerox	86⅝	87

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AIR WHITCOMBE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST, on the 17th February 1993 at 11am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3ST, between 10am and 5pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated the 4th day of February 1993. By Order of the Board.
J.S. Selby Bennett, Secretary.

ALPHA BRICK TRANSPORT LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Tuesday the 23rd day of February 1993 at 12 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Stephen Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 9th day of February 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
C R HILL, DIRECTOR

BEL HOLDINGS LIMITED
BUS ENGINEERING LIMITED
BEL TRUCK & VAN LIMITED
(All Companies in Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at the offices of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH, on the 26th day of February 1993 at 10.30 hours for the purposes mentioned in sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.
A creditor is entitled to vote at this meeting only if:
(a) he has forwarded to the Joint Administrative Receivers Mr J R Hill and Mr P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH not later than 12.00 hours on the 25th day of February 1993 details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from any of the above named companies, and the claim has been duly admitted for the purpose of entitlement to vote, and
(b) there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
10 February 1993
J R Hill
Joint Administrative Receiver

CAPITAL PROPERTIES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that Philip Monjack, FCA and Stephen Dunlet Swaden, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Friday, 5th February, 1993 by under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 14th August, 1989.
Dated the 5th day of February 1993.
P. Monjack, FCA
and S.D. Swaden, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

CIRCLESHIRE LIMITED
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
and in the matter of The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that David Croxford of First Island House, Peter Street, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 29th January, 1993.
Creditors are required on or before 9th day of March 1993, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required, by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 8th day of February, 1993.
David Croxford, Liquidator.
NOTE: This notice is purely formal, all known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

Gilbert Doyle Associates Limited
Registered Number: 1637829. Nature of business: Advertising Agency. Trade classification: 48. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 8 February 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Lee Antony Manning & Ian Peter Phillips, (office holder nos: 6477 & 2536) of: Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF.

JAZZY LADY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of March, 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 9th day of February 1993
A. ROSS, Director.

Knight Ellis (Commercial) Interiors Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on 18 February 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 17 February 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
D Ellis, Director.

LINKFIELD LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jacqueline B Stephenson, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 9th February 1993.
Dated this 9th February 1993
Jacqueline B Stephenson.
Liquidator.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES ESTATES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST, on the 17th February 1993 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3ST, between 10am and 5pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated the 4th day of February 1993. By Order of the Board.
J.S. Selby Bennett, Secretary.

TARDIS DIRECT LIMITED
Take notice that the undersigned JOHN C HEATH of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 61 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, was appointed Liquidator of TARDIS DIRECT LIMITED, by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on the 29th day of January 1993
Dated this 2nd day of February 1993
John C Heath, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
B HISCOCK AND SONS (CATERING) LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of B Hiscock and Sons (Catering) Limited will be held at Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire on 26th day of February 1993 at 10.00 o'clock in the morning. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at the above address no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receiver if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 11th day of February 1993.
P N Spratt
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SAN MARTINO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named company will be held at Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD on Wednesday 3rd March 1993 at 2.00 pm, to consider the Joint Administrators proposals.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD no later than 12.00 noon on the 2nd day of March 1993.
Rule 2.2(1)
Subject as follows, at a meeting of creditors in Administration proceedings a person is entitled to vote on if:-
a) He has given to the Administrator, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt which he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the following provisions of this rule, and
b) there has been lodged with the Administrator any proxy which he intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated this 8th day of February 1993
Nigel John Hamilton-Smith and Michael William Young
Joint Administrators

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In the matter of GEMTEX LTD (IN LIQUIDATION)
Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey C A Morphitis of Case and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 19 January 1993
G C A MORPHITIS, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
BESTWORLD EXPORT PACKING SERVICES LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Langdon Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5EH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 8 February 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 8 February 1993
D B Coakley, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Maplin Roofing Supply Co Limited
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, R Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 8 February 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 8 February 1993
R Hocking, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
RODAMCO LAND PLC
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Peter George Byatt of Stoy Hayward, 66 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SW was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members on 16th December 1992
Dated this 9th day of February 1993.
P.G. BYATT, Liquidator.

TIVON TEXTILES LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 29/30 Fitzroy Square, London, W1P 5HH on 16th February 1993 at 10.30am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Prior to the date of the above meeting Mr. John Samuel Francis Bennett of Goodman Jones Associates, of 29/30 Fitzroy Square, London, W1P 5HH, a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner will be available to furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated this Thursday 21st January 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Ellis Slater Esq., Director.

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Banks pay for sins of past with bad debt provisions

Less loan growth will see the big four lenders hard pressed to raise their traditional income during the 1990s, writes Patricia Tehan



Sunny side up: Brian Pitman, chief executive of LLoyds, must convince investors that better times lie ahead

The high street banks believe they have been unfairly made the whipping boy of the current recession. Their popularity, never strong, has hit new lows as they have shouldered much of the blame for the effect of the recession on their customers.

Despite being cleared three times by the Bank of England, they are still under attack for their apparent failure to pass on interest rate cuts to their small business customers. They are also criticised for their charges, with persistent rumours that those on current accounts are to be reintroduced.

However, the banking reporting season, which begins today with Lloyds Bank, is likely to demonstrate the full effect of the recession on the banks. Bad debt provisions will once again be the most dominant feature in their financial results. Peter Toeman, banking analyst at Hoare Govett, estimates the big four will make provisions totalling £6 for 1992, including £2.3 billion for domestic bad debts. Their total bad debt provisions account for nearly 3 per cent of all lending.

The banks' core profitability has traditionally been provided by a 2 per cent return on lending. But that return is being consumed by bad debts, and banks are being forced to act to restore profitability: controlling costs is the only way they believe this can be achieved. They are considering raising charges, restricting growth in lending, widescale job cuts and a restructuring of branch networks.

On Monday, National Westminster announced plans to cut a further 4,000 jobs this year. In November, Barclays said it would shed 3,000 jobs in addition to the 15,000 jobs it plans to lose by 1995. A week later, Royal Bank of Scotland said it would cut 3,500 jobs by 1995.

Lloyds has been gradually cutting staff numbers. Midland is less likely than the others to make significant job cuts in its branches this year. Its new parent company, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, said last year that Midland had already achieved much of the necessary rationalisation. Any cuts, William Purves, HSBC's chairman, said, would be small. In its offer document, HSBC said the primary reason for the merger was growth through increased business.

Forecasts for Lloyds today range from £600 million to £800 million of pre-tax profits after reduced bad debt write-offs. Michael Lever, banking analyst at Smith New Court, forecasts an 18 per cent rise to £760 million. At £800 million, Mr Toeman is at the top of the range.

The figures will be helped by an estimated £112 million release of Third World debt provisions. By far the biggest contributor will be its 60 per cent-owned Lloyds Abbey Life, which unveiled a 4 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £297.6 million on Wednesday. Lloyds' bad debt experience is unlikely to be as bad as that of some of its counterparts. It has avoided some of the biggest corporate receiverships and started providing for bad debts earlier than the others. Lloyds' bad debt provisions reached a peak in the second half of 1991 at £476 million. Mr Toeman forecasts a fall in provisions to £689 million (£958 million).

Lloyds is also in a stronger position than Barclays or NatWest to increase its dividend. It's all-important tier 1, or capital ratio, is stronger than those of rivals at an estimated 7 per cent. This compares with Barclays (5.7 per cent estimate) and NatWest (5.4 per cent estimate). On the down side, Lloyd's performance in underlying operating profits is likely to be weaker than rivals. It has squeezed its margins and staff costs harder than the other banks. Core lending business has been deliberately contracted, which is likely to lead to a faster solution of its bad debt problem, though Mr Lever says Lloyds may have overdone it, limiting its scope to increase fees and lending spreads.

Barclays is most exposed to bad debts, particularly from corporate collapses. Its exposure to large property market casualties including Imry, Olympia & York, Heron, Rosehaugh and Speyhawk will cost about £700 million. Mr Toeman estimates Barclays total bad debt provisions will reach £2.2 billion, wiping out much of the £2.4 billion in operating profits and resulting in pre-tax profits of about £100 million. Although there has been speculation that Barclays will be forced to cut its dividend by as much as a third, Mr Toeman believes the bank will try to maintain its 21.15p payout. He said the £100 million cost of cutting the dividend amounts to only 5 per cent of the bad debt charge. A payout cut would signal the bank does not expect a fall in bad debts this year, Mr Toeman said. This, he added, is contrary to the message in a letter from Andrew Buxton, the chairman, to senior managers last month that talked of 1993 being "a year of recovery rather than of prosperity" and better than 1992.

Lloyds and NatWest have been heavily tipped as rights issue candidates. After Lloyds' frustrated attempt to snatch Midland Bank from HSBC last year, Sir Robin Ibbs, Lloyds' new chairman, and Brian Pitman, chief executive, face the unenviable task of restoring shareholder confidence and meeting their criteria of providing scope for cost savings as well as a customer base for sales of Lloyds' Black Horse financial services products.

The stock market expects Lloyds to use its paper to finance an acquisition. Potential targets include TSB, Standard Chartered or Royal Bank of Scotland. Mr Toeman sees problems of logic where TSB and Standard Chartered are concerned, and while Royal Bank of Scotland fits the criteria, an approach from Lloyds is unlikely to be welcomed.

A possible alternative would be a private banking acquisition to enhance Lloyds' growing private bank business. Mr Toeman said a rights issue is out of the question until Lloyds names its target. NatWest is also a possible rights issue candidate, with speculation that the bank will raise capital to meet future loan demand.

Notwithstanding the sector's difficulties, however, prospects for the current financial year look brighter, with operating profits increasing and bad debt provisions falling. But the key to any improvement is the banks' ability to control costs. Job cuts and a determination to limit pay awards will help boost operating profits. But dangers arise when the banks exhaust their ability to cut costs, says Mr Lever; profits will improve only if they also control the growth in their costs. Mr Lever has given warning that, with average loan growth unlikely to exceed single figures and with continued pressure on margins, the banks will be hard pressed to increase their traditional banking income during the 1990s.

ESTIMATED RESULTS FOR 1992

	Pre-tax profits	Bad debts	Dividend
Lloyds	£800m (£645m)	£689m (£918m)	18p (16.7p)
NatWest	£500m (£110m)	£1.74bn (£1.9bn)	17.5p (17.5p)
HSBC	£1.8bn (£867m)	£1.36bn (£1.4bn)	17.1p (12.71p)
Barclays	£100m (£533m)	£2.22bn (£1.5bn)	21.15p (21.15p)

Source: Hoare Govett

TEMPUS

Right on time for rights

TRAFALGAR House should thank its stars it has such an indulgent shareholder. The rights issue has not arrived a moment too soon and has only been underwritten thanks to Hongkong Land's support. Trafalgar came close to breaching its loan covenants and was saved by last-minute negotiations on some dollar debt that reduced its interest cover requirements. Indeed, if the group had taken a tougher line on commercial property, the covenant on net asset value would have been shattered last year.

Even with a £204 million cash injection, the group's balance sheet hardly looks healthy. Net debts at the end of the year are still likely to be more than £350 million, including off-balance sheet finance, against shareholders funds of about £650 million. A gearing of more than 50 per cent is hardly attractive for a company that has sucked in £500 million from its shareholders in the last 18 months.

The gearing figure is also flattered by the inclusion of about £220 million of cash prepayments in the balance sheet, a figure that is starting to shrink as the workload in the contracting and engineering businesses fall. Trafalgar also has substantial working capital needs, since it hopes to increase house sales by up to a quarter this year. Any cash from the disposal of American property or luxury hotels may be a long time in coming.

Hongkong Land has not had much choice about increasing its investment in Trafalgar since it wrote the put option last November, but it is still showing a great deal of faith in the company's long-term future. Other investors may not be so confident.

BP

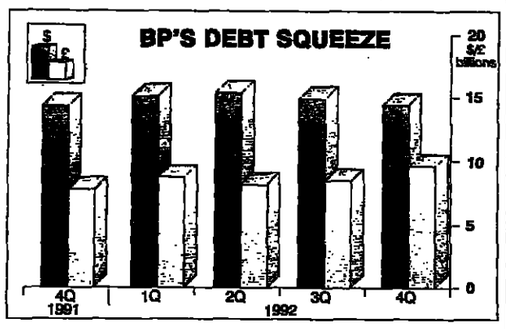
DAVID Simon tries his best to be optimistic about BP's future, but the group's year-end balance sheet shows it still faces a desperate struggle to reduce its $15 billion debts.

The group reduced them by $1 billion in the second half from disposals, but this is not the whole case. BP also cut its portfolio of cash and investments, which is not netted against debt, by almost $700 million, suggesting that borrowing fell just $300 million despite disposal proceeds of $1.3 billion.

If BP is to maintain the pace of its debt reduction it can accelerate its disposal and rationalisation programme, cut the dividend again or reduce capital spending.

Unfortunately, BP is running low on readily saleable assets. The rest of the nutrition division is likely to go this year, along with some speciality chemicals businesses. Soon, however, the group will be forced to look at its main refining and marketing operations.

Another 50 per cent dividend cut would cause an uproar among shareholders and only save £225 million a year. So the least painful option is to cut capital spending by up to $2 billion a year. This would curtail the development of the Colombia oil fields and others, but at least will reduce debts to a manageable level. Otherwise, BP will enter the second half of the decade smaller and wiser but still saddled with borrowings of more than $12 billion.



BT

ONE green shoot does not a blossoming economy make, but BT has now seen two following a second quarter of rising call volumes.

International call revenues were up 4.8 per cent, and even inland calls rose 1.2 per cent in the third quarter. Part of this increase was caused by the group's special Sunday offer, but some should be attributable to a rise in business activity. As such, it is a much-needed sign of some recovery in the domestic economy.

As a result, BT's turnover increased by almost 2 per cent, well ahead of expectations. This rise will make it harder for BT to resist the imposition of a tougher new pricing regime by Oftel, the regulator, this summer.

Predictably, the company continues to complain about the effects of regulation on its financial performance but much of this is overdone. Earnings per share in the third quarter fell more than 12 per cent, but if redundancy charges and exceptional items are stripped out, underlying earnings fell only 0.3 per cent.

BT has certainly pulled expenses under control, with the first nine months showing a reduction in operating costs; unsurprising, given the scale of the group's redundancy programme.

The salient question mark on BT's future prospects is whether its cost-cutting programme can keep pace with the increasing competition it faces in most of its markets. With Mercury poised to launch its PCN as a mainstream competitor to BT's land-based network before autumn, it is a question investors will continue to fret about.

BOC

BOC's first-quarter results are encouraging. Even excluding the impact of exchange rate movements, operating profits rose 6 per cent. The figure would have been higher had it not been for a £5 million provision for the restructuring of its vacuum business.

While the rise in healthcare profits was the engine behind BOC's first-quarter growth, the rest of the year may prove tougher.

The expiry of patent protection on its anaesthetic pharmaceutical Forane in the US last month will affect future profits as generic competition enters the sector. The delay in launching Suprane, the successor product, has already allowed competitors to steal a march in the market.

There seems little evidence of an upturn in the market for industrial gases, which account for nearly 70 per cent of profits. Although the US is looking healthier, Britain is still flat on its back and Japan and Europe are now going into decline.

Further currency benefits throughout the coming year will probably be insufficient to offset these problems.

Lonrho

LONRHO shares are indeed a strange market. Dieter Bock bought half of Tiny Rowland's shareholding and underwrote a rights issue on 9 December, but the shares did not start moving until yesterday, when they rose 7p to 82p after publication of the fully forecast results.

Occupants, both new and old, of Cheapside House are convinced debts will fall further by the annual meeting on April 2 as a further sop to shareholders. A rise in precious metal prices in the meantime would suit both the company and its shareholders.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Top changes at Nikko Bank

NIKKO Bank, the London subsidiary of Nikko Securities of Tokyo, has appointed Roy Degenhardt and Thomas Lockett as managing directors. They will join the bank on March 1, and will work alongside the two Japanese managing directors. Degenhardt, 52, an American based in London for 14 years, will be responsible for corporate and institutional finance and banking businesses in the UK and overseas. He fills the post created by Sir John Hall's appointment as Nikko's chairman last October. Degenhardt joins after 22 years with Continental Bank, most recently as managing director of European corporate finance and European general manager. Lockett, also 52, joins from Midland Bank. He replaces Michael Jeffrey, who is to join Robert Fleming. Lockett will oversee treasury, forex and related products.

Model pin-up

A STUNNING blonde has been turning heads at a travel agency in Wilton Road, Victoria. Dressed in scarlet shorts and T-shirt, with the stars and stripes in one hand and a flag bearing "Virgin Territory" in the other, the dummy is a life-like mascot for Virgin Holidays, Virgin Atlantic's charter holiday company. "I nearly missed my bus staring — I don't usually go overboard for dummies, but she has a lovely face and figure. Who is she?" asks a passer-by. "We thought she was realistic," says Richard Branson. "And she does appear to be bringing Wilton Road to a standstill. The mannequin is based on Scarlet Lady, the Vargas girl on the front of all our aircraft."

Mexican merit

HIRAM Walker, the spirits and wines sector of Allied-Lyons, last night hosted a farewell party for the woman responsible for the success of Kahlua, the coffee liqueur. Maria del Pilar Gutierrez, the sparky Mexican general manager of the Kahlua Company, is to retire at 55, after 35 years with the company. A Price Waterhouse trained accountant, she went to Mexico City in the 1950s, aged 20, to sort out the books of Kahlua, which boasted six employees. Kahlua deliveries were then made by taxi. In 1964, Kahlua was bought by Hiram Walker, and Gutierrez became general manager — annual sales amounted to 100 cases at the time, against 2.5 million now. Next month, Gutierrez becomes adviser to the Mexican government at the ministry of industry and commerce, where she will spearhead the promotion of Mexican business to the rest of the world. She says: "Looking back, it was quite an achievement to make progress in such a macho country." The Mexican president will recognise that achievement on February 23, by presenting her with a medal of merit for exports.



"Take a signal — Trafalgar expects that every shareholder will this day do his duty"

Food for thought

CITY shareholders of Thai Restaurants, a BES scheme, met on Wednesday, for a pre-opening tasting session in Imperial City, its third and largest restaurant, located in the arched cellars underneath the Royal Exchange. Around a small table were gathered a few of the backers who are all either brokers or fund managers connected with the Far East, including Fred Cremer, of W.I. Carr, and Michael Patterson, a director of Asia Equity. Asked whether it was possible to make more money out of good restaurants than in the markets these days, Cremer replied: "Probably, but we all want to do both."

WENDY VAIZEY

BUSINESS LETTERS

Investigating the clearing banks

From Mr Garry R. Trevill

Sir, I refer to recent correspondence on the Bank of England's verdict of "not guilty" concerning the clearing banks' treatment of small businesses.

Surely it is all too obvious. The Bank of England must be encouraging the clearing banks to restructure their balance sheets following the disastrous lending policies of recent years. They cannot do this by putting the squeeze on large corporate customers, so they are left with trying to recoup their losses at the expense of small to medium companies and personal accounts. If this is the only way to achieve the objective of restoring a strong banking system, then I don't see the Bank of England condemning the banks' behaviour, despite the overwhelming evidence.

For Mr Lamont to put "the fox in with the chickens" was an insult to our intelligence. What is required is a completely independent investigation into the performance of the clearing banks, and the sooner the better.

Yours faithfully,
GARRY R. TREVILL,
Hadlow Park,
Hadlow,
Tonbridge, Kent.

Building up a fortune

From Mr R. L. Reece

Sir, City Diary (February 9) announces that Mike Rose of Butterley Brick, asks how to clear 1.5 billion bricks stockpiled around the country.

Obviously, he should stack them in piles of 120, and sell them at £5,000 each to anyone daft enough to buy them.

I reckon that should realise about £62.5 billion.

Yours faithfully,
R. L. REECE,
16 Throwley Close,
Pitsea,
Essex.

Keep rates stable for two years

From Mr Ian Hudspeth

Sir, I hear that the market is expecting yet another cut in interest rates and therefore marking the pound down. Speaking as a small business person, I would like to say that the major benefactors of another cut would be the banks and building societies. Who will still insist on charging 30 per cent plus for certain types of loans. If the rates do come down to 4 per cent, the only certain fact will be that by the year end they will be moving upwards, cancelling any beneficial effect now.

What I would like is confidence return to the market by the government stating that interest rates will remain at 6 per cent or even 7 per cent for the next 24 months; this would mean businesses, banks etc would all know what is happening in the immediate future and could plan with that knowledge.

As it is, nobody knows what is happening next and if the rates come down we all will see them increasing by year end.

Yours faithfully,
IAN HUDSPETH,
Smiths DIY Centre Tool,
Hire Trade Shop,
84 Bilton Road,
Perivale,
Middlesex.

Spelling out names on cheques for charity

From Dr M. J. Russell

Sir, The director-general of the British Bankers' Association (February 5) says that the name of a charity's bank account should tally with the name of the payee on any cheque that is crossed "account payee"; but this is more easily said than done.

I have been involved with a school's modest prize fund, whose trustees are the head and the clerk to the governors. The school is an unincorporated charity, and to avoid the trouble and expense of transfers of investments every time the trustees change, the school has had its securities vested in collective names.

Gilt-edged stock on the National Savings register is in the names of the "Trustees for the time being" of the school. The self-same stock on the Bank of England's register cannot be held in this way, but it can be owned by office-holders, so that this is registered in the names of the head and clerk. Commercial registrars, however, ban collective names, so that a company's loan stock has to be registered in the personal names of the current head and clerk.

In order to pay in future interest warrants without a mandate, must the school now have its prize account at the bank renamed to embrace all three versions of referring to the same two trustees? "X the headteacher of Y school and Z the clerk to the governors of Y school, the trustees for the time being of Y school." Will the school's own cheques have to carry similar verbiage? When the initials have been converted into names, and the new mandatory "registered as a charity" added, there will probably be no space left for signatures on the cheques.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL RUSSELL,
5 Fiona Close,
Great Bookham, Surrey.

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Lonrho's plans for the future are well laid

The Rights Issue raised £86 million

R W Rowland, Joint Chief Executive

Dear Shareholder,

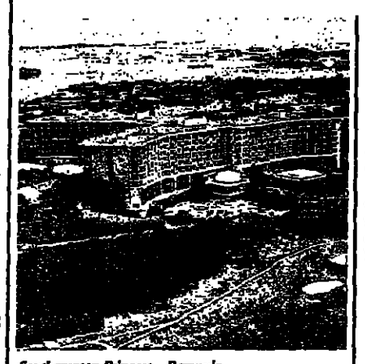
Lonrho's recent Rights Issue was targeted to raise a guaranteed £85 million of direct investment into your Company. The Rights Issue, at 85 pence a share, was 13 pence above the market price.

Through the Rights Issue your Board has been able to secure a new Joint Chief Executive who could not be better qualified to take Lonrho into a new era of growth. We all welcome Mr Dieter Bock to the Board, both as an outstanding businessman in his private companies and now as a substantial investor in Lonrho.

Three further appointments to the Board have been made from within the Lonrho Group of 700 companies. John Hewlett is in charge of new agricultural developments, other than sugar, and intends to take Lonrho's experience of large-scale commercial ventures also into Eastern Europe.



The London Metropole Hotel.



Southampton Princess – Bermuda.

Sam Jonah has been responsible for the renaissance of the world-famous Ashanti gold mines, which in the next two and a half years will exceed the million ounces per year mark. Nicholas Morrell directs Lonrho's printing and publishing operations and is responsible for the Company's trading activities with Nigeria.

The Rights Issue, together with the disposal of V·A·G (United Kingdom), has enabled the Group to reduce borrowings by a further £236 million and gearing is down from the 70% reported in 1991 to 42%**.

The past year has been the most difficult in your Company's financial history.

Shareholders, especially long-term holders, will have been sorry to see Lonrho drop out of the 'FOOTSIE' London Stock Market Index during the year, but I expect we will be in a position to return before long.

While taking up the many excellent opportunities which we have in Europe, Lonrho intends to continue the Group's presence as the largest British investor in Africa, where we have been successful and happy. Our operations in Africa are well managed and still expanding at some pace. Democratic governments are likely to encourage trade rather than pursue the nationalising and parastatal ideas of the past.

Several countries have been able to relax Foreign Exchange restrictions with the support of the International Monetary Fund, and the resulting freer movement of currency will benefit Lonrho Plc and local Lonrho subsidiaries in Africa.

The Group's mines and hotels have been the principal objects of capital expenditure during the past five years. Your Board believes we have not seen the full potential of these assets. The major programmes are complete, with the result that capital expenditure in 1993 will fall substantially.

Finally I should like, on behalf of the Board, to thank all the very many people who work for Lonrho for their hard work and initiative during the past year. We'll be doing better next year, thanks to them.

Yours sincerely,
Tiny Rowland

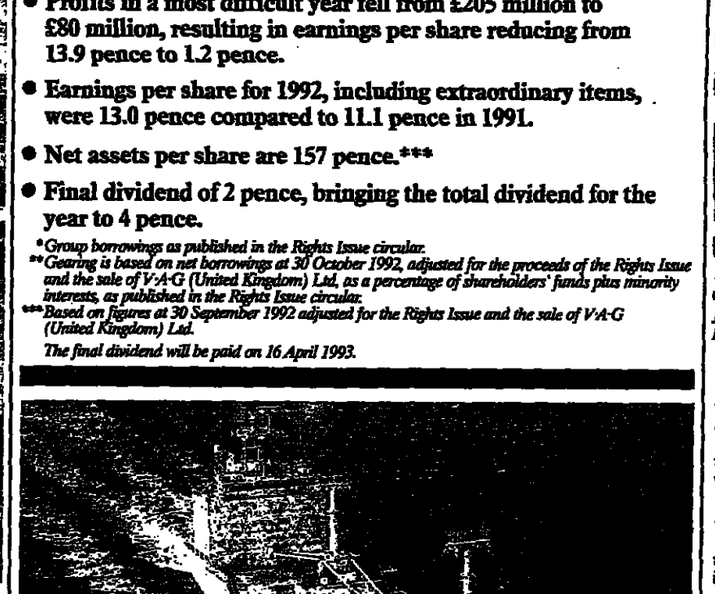


Specimen bonds, passports, travellers cheques, currency notes and gift vouchers printed by Harrison & Sons – High Wycombe.

1992/93 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Mr Dieter Bock becomes Joint Chief Executive.**
- **The sale of V·A·G (United Kingdom) on 5 February 1993 has enabled Group borrowings to be reduced by £155 million.***
- **Gearing now down to 42%.****
- **Disposals of non-core businesses showed a profit of £130 million.**
- **Profits in a most difficult year fell from £205 million to £80 million, resulting in earnings per share reducing from 13.9 pence to 1.2 pence.**
- **Earnings per share for 1992, including extraordinary items, were 13.0 pence compared to 11.1 pence in 1991.**
- **Net assets per share are 157 pence.*****
- **Final dividend of 2 pence, bringing the total dividend for the year to 4 pence.**

*Group borrowings as published in the Rights Issue circular.
**Gearing is based on net borrowings at 30 October 1992, adjusted for the proceeds of the Rights Issue and the sale of V·A·G (United Kingdom) Ltd, as a percentage of shareholders' funds plus minority interests, as published in the Rights Issue circular.
***Based on figures at 30 September 1992 adjusted for the Rights Issue and the sale of V·A·G (United Kingdom) Ltd.
The final dividend will be paid on 16 April 1993.*



Western Platinum - No. 4 shaft concentrator and headgear.

Falling precious metal prices have been of the greatest concern, since your Company is a major producer of gold and platinum group metals. Economy and efficiency at the mines are always improving, but an increase in world demand is what we need.

The depressed world economy has hurt many of Lonrho's businesses despite the diversification of the Company. It was particularly sad that during a difficult year the agricultural division, such a constant contributor to profits, met with the worst drought in living memory in Southern and Central Africa. The Sugar division, however, was able to make record profits.

We sought as a Board to find practical and positive responses to the sharp downturn in income. As I wrote to you in the Rights Issue circular a short while ago, signature businesses will remain within the Group, and asset sales will reduce borrowings until they reach a level which benefits shareholders.

In the financial year under review, disposals of non-core businesses showed a profit of £130 million.

Lower United Kingdom interest rates on reduced borrowings will be beneficial during 1993.



The 285,000 cu.ft. "Blue Ice" – one of three Shanghai-built refrigerated vessels commissioned by Krupp Lonrho.

The following text is taken from the Review of Operations for the year ended 30 September, 1992:

AGRICULTURE

Lonrho is the largest commercial food producer in Africa where the Group's sugar activities reported record profits in 1992, with increased contributions from all countries compared to 1991. Production was 4% up at nearly half a million tonnes and average prices attained have also increased. The expansion of the Sucoma estates and milling capacity in Malawi will be completed during 1993.

In Kenya arable crop yields were the highest ever recorded. The export base of Farmers Choice, the meat processing company, was expanded to include Malawi, Mauritius, Uganda and Tanzania, in addition to the United Arab Emirates.

Lonrho in Mozambique incurred losses in 1992 as a result of the drought and exceptionally low cotton prices. Lonrho will benefit substantially in 1993 from the declaration of peace and the restructuring of its operations.

Your Company was directly involved in the peace settlement.

Tea production in Malawi was the lowest for a number of years.

Despite the serious drought in Zambia, Kalangwa Estates achieved good profitability and cotton exports were a major foreign exchange generator.

As a result of the drought, returns from the ranching operations in Zimbabwe were poor and crop yields were lower but the timber operations held up well.

Dwangwa Sugar Factory – Malawi.

MINING & REFINING

Gold production at Ashanti was a record 654,000 ounces in 1992 and the company remains on target to produce one million ounces by 1995-96. Despite depressed gold prices the company achieved record bullion revenues of US$240 million and produced at an operating cost of US$175 per ounce.

Current expansion plans are expected to place Ashanti Goldfields amongst the world's top five producers of gold. The US$140 million funding for this US$300 million project was completed by Ashanti with the I.F.C. in December 1992, and the remaining US$160 million will be obtained from internal revenue generation.

The Group's three platinum mines produced 691,000 ounces of platinum group metals in 1992, almost double the level in 1989. The major capital expansion programme is rapidly coming to an end. The three platinum mines now have a combined milling capacity of almost 8 million tonnes a year and it is planned to achieve this throughput level towards the end of 1993.

Assuming no further expansion, it is envisaged that platinum group metal production will continue increasing, finally stabilising at over 900,000 ounces a year.

In Zimbabwe gold production was at an all-time high at over 169,000 ounces.

The Group's coal mines have increased the average price received for coal by upgrading the quality, resulting in record profits.

Hondo Oil & Gas sold all of its United States oil and gas operating properties in 1992 and will now focus on the exploration and development of the Opon gas structure in the Middle Magdalena Field in Colombia.

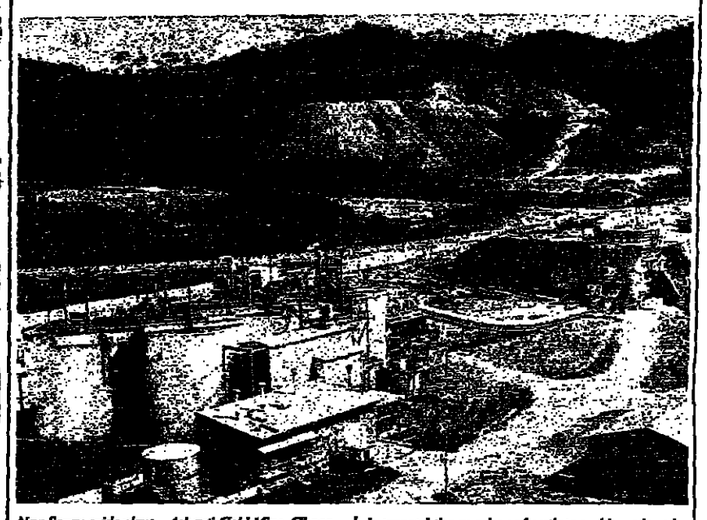
HOTELS

As a result of the issue of shares in the Metropole Group to Lafico in March 1992, £177.5 million was raised which was mainly used to repay borrowings.

Although trading profits at the Metropole Hotel Group were down for the year as a whole, the second half of the year was much improved.

The London Metropole extension opened in November 1991 and performed well in the first year of trading. As a result of the addition of the large new conference facilities, the hotel has hosted a number of major conferences for blue chip companies and is firmly established as a prime conference venue.

Princess Hotels experienced a difficult year with the United States remaining in economic recession. Costs continue to be tightly controlled and Princess are well placed to take advantage of any upturn in the markets.



New Sansu oxide plant – Ashanti Gold Mine, Ghana.

Business in Kenya has not returned to the levels achieved before the Gulf War. The Ark Lodge has been extended, and improvements were made at Sweetwaters Tented Camp and the Aberdare Country Club.



Jack Barclay, Rolls-Royce and Bentley distributor – London.

In its first full year of trading the new 104 room Labadi Beach Hotel in Ghana has traded well and in Mozambique the Hotel Cardoso has achieved an excellent profit contribution.

The Merville Beach Hotel, Mauritius, has made a rapid recovery from the Gulf War period with occupancy and profitability up significantly.

MOTOR DISTRIBUTION

The sale of V·A·G (United Kingdom) for approximately £124 million was announced in December 1992.

The Dutton-Forshaw Motor Group has been restructured under new aggressive management. The relaxation on multi-franchising has made it possible to take on additional franchises such as Nissan and Citroën in three locations.

Jack Barclay has maintained its position as No. 1 Rolls-Royce and Bentley distributor and was profitable, albeit at a reduced level compared to previous years.

Lonrho is the largest motor distributor in Africa with agencies for Mercedes-Benz, Toyota, Peugeot, Audi, Volkswagen, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Fiat, Massey Ferguson, Rover Group, Renault, General Motors, Yamaha and other manufacturers.

Despite a significant reduction in the number of vehicles sold in Kenya, the Motor Mart Group maintained its position as the largest motor vehicle and agricultural equipment supplier in Kenya.

PRINTING & PUBLISHING

George Outram & Company and Scottish & Universal Newspapers were sold during the year at substantial premiums.

Harrison & Sons, the high security printer, has made further progress in developing its position as one of the world's leading printers of currency, achieving its highest ever level of currency sales in the year. The company had a successful year in many of its established product groups, the most notable achievement of which was the renewal of the contract with the British Post Office.

A highly successful innovation at Harrisons has been the development of its sophisticated security registration systems, primarily designed for use with the new generation of passports and identity cards.

The Observer has improved its trading performance in the highly competitive Sunday quality market.

ENGINEERING

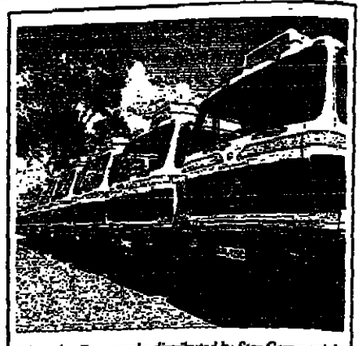
The loss-making Firsteel Group was sold to its management in 1992, although Sheer Pride, the office furniture manufacturer, was retained.

Yamaha Manufacturing, part of John Holt Plc in Nigeria, is the distributor of Yamaha motor cycles and increased its market share to 42%. Sales of Yamaha outboard engines and fibreglass boats, which are produced locally, again increased in volume.

Vitretex Paints in Zambia produced excellent results despite a limited supply of raw materials.

In Zimbabwe W. Dahmer manufactured and sold buses and trucks during the year but was constrained by competition in the truck market from overseas aid programmes.

Petrozim Line, the 50% held joint venture with the Zimbabwe Government, commenced construction of an oil pipeline between Feruka and Harare being an extension of the 198 mile pipeline from Beira. The laying of pipe underground is already nearly complete and work is progressing on oil terminals at both ends of the pipeline.



Mercedes-Benz trucks distributed by Star Commercial Motors in Zambia.

TEXTILES

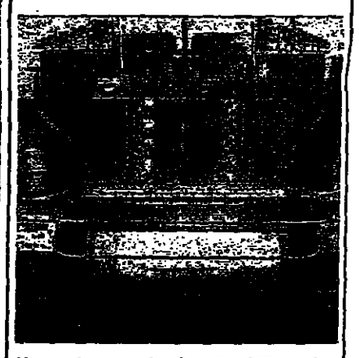
Despite the difficult trading conditions Lonrho Textiles increased sales through its Brentford shops and the mail order trade, while demand from third parties for piece goods declined, very much in line with consumer activity.

In the Retail divisions, Brentfords, with over 150 stores, has developed a chain of successful Factory shops aiming at the discount sector of the market. The Accord shops have increased the number of outlets and broadened their store based outlets.

The David Whitehead Group increased sales from its industrial and domestic manufacturing divisions despite depressed United Kingdom and European markets.

The Group's textile operations in Malawi were affected by both the drought and the liberalisation of imports.

In Zimbabwe David Whitehead's operations were also severely restricted by the drought impacting on the supply of cotton lint, on water for the dyeing operations and on disposable incomes affecting local demand for products.



New weaving preparation plant – David Whitehead Textiles, Zimbabwe.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE & GENERAL

Despite the general stagnation of demand for rolled steel products on the international steel markets, Krupp Lonrho's steel export division supplied more than 1.7 million tonnes of steel products to 70 countries. The international ocean shipping market was subject to considerable turmoil in 1992, nevertheless the Krupp Lonrho bulk ocean shipping fleet of 3.6 million tonnes, and Europe's largest, was fully occupied during the year.

Lloyd's broker F. E. Wright maintained its profitability in 1992.



Lonrho House – Nairobi, Kenya.

Lonrho CIS has expanded its operations in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

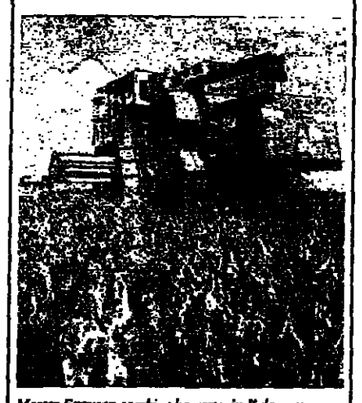
Baumann Hinde, the Group's cotton merchant, reported good profits on an increased turnover, despite the global textiles recession.

Balfour Williamson increased profits and strengthened its procurement operations especially in Eastern Europe and Africa.

Notwithstanding the continuing severe recession in the construction industry the Sunley Turriff Holdings Group produced a satisfactory profit.

The text is taken from the Chief Executive's Statement and Review of Operations contained in the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September, 1992 which will be published in early March. Copies will be available from the Secretary, Lonrho Plc, Cheapside House, 138 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6BL.

The eighty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Lonrho Plc will be held at The Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London, EC2 on Friday, 2nd April, 1993 at 11.00 a.m.



Massey Ferguson combine harvester in Kalangwa Estates' soya bean fields – Zambia.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Yorkshire W	Water	
2	T & N	Industrial	
3	Burmah Castrl	Oils, Gas	
4	Telemetrix	Electrical	
5	Cadbury-Schw	Foods	
6	Severn Trent	Water	
7	Forward Gp	Electrical	
8	Wessex Water	Water	
9	Creighton Nt	Industrial	
10	Laporte	Chems, Plas	
11	Nth Brkn Hill	Mining	
12	BPB Ind	Building, Rds	
13	Yule Catto	Chems, Plas	
14	BWD	Finance, Land	
15	Manweb	Electricity	
16	Morgan Cble	Industrial	
17	Leslie	Mining	
18	Farnell Elect	Electrical	
19	RMC Gp	Building, Rds	
20	Nurdin Peach	Foods	
21	Wheatse	Industrial	
22	South West	Water	
23	Jones Stroud	Electrical	
24	African Lakes	Business Serv	
25	Harmony	Mining	
26	Blenheim Gp	Newspapr, Pub	
27	Liberty Life	Insurance	
28	Tomkins	Industrial	
29	Cantors	Drapery, Strs	
30	E Dagga	Mining	
31	El Data Prc	Electrical	
32	Stlm Winsr	Water	
33	Yorkshire Elec	Electricity	
34	Aus New Z	Banks, Disc	
35	Unilever	Industrial	
36	Westpac	Banks, Disc	
37	Shell	Oils, Gas	
38	Taunton Cider	Breweries	
39	Alendra W	Industrial	
40	Weir	Industrial	

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
433	197	Meyer Int	314	+ 3	16.5	7.0	22.3
14	4	Mickin Gps	4	...	...	...	...
171	92	Mowlem (J)	95	...	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	73	+ 3	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	129	...	...	8.2	∞
327	146	Parkinson	232	+ 3	8.6	4.8	19.5
30	19	Phoenix Timber	28	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	88	...	3.4	5.2	...
23	9	Quilligotts	5	...	...	...	...
660	303	RMC Gp	586	+ 6	20.0	4.6	21.8
137	67	Raine Ind	107	...	6.0	7.5	17.9
96	23	Ramsay	26	...	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	451	- 3	25.0	7.4	28.1
101	61	Rexhl	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	229	+ 2	6.4	3.8	17.3
48	25	Syrhl-Rmc	33	...	...	...	5.9
78	40	Sharpe & Fisher	76	+ 1	4.0	7.0	...
138	78	Sheffield Ind	132	...	5.4	5.3	15.4
90	53	Sheriff Hldgs	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
86	53	Shorco	83	...	...	8.4	12.8
272	188	Smart (J)	228	...	8.5	5.0	10.4
15	4	Stanmin	6	...	0.3	6.7	7.2
161	51	Tarmac	116	+ 1	9.5	6.4	47.1
230	129	Tay Homes	189	...	8.8	4.1	10.4
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	76	- 1	9.5	...	10.7
668	398	Tilbury Douglas	526	+ 3	33.0	8.4	17.3
48	18	Turner Hlms	23	...	...	2.3	...
226	105	Travis Perkins	182	- 1	8.0	5.9	25.7
58	30	Try Group	30	...	6.0	...	4.1
38	26	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Tilbrughton	91	...	3.6	7.9	11.2
55	12	Ward Hldgs	29	- 1	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
478	265	Wates Blake	466	...	9.3	2.7	34.2
19	9	Wemco	16	...	...	...	...
126	45	Westbury	116	+ 1	...	5.6	...
18	4	West Scffld A	6	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
490	215	Wilson Bowdn	389	- 5	8.7	3.0	20.0
221	96	Wilson (C)	162	- 7	3.9	3.1	26.5
189	65	Wimpey G	133	- 2	...	5.3	51.1
81	26	YRM	36	...	4.0	...	2.9

BUSINESS SERVICES

533	343	ADT	532	+22	...	...	∞
249	193	Adam & Harvey	232	...	11.9	6.6	3.5
127	53	Air London	75	+ 2	...	2.7	24.8
63	34	Alfred Lks	44	+ 5	2.0	6.1	8.8
152	81	Aust Sec	141	+ 1	4.9	4.6	11.5
100	30	BET Ord	95	- 2	...	4.9	13.9
319	208	BNB Res	78	...	...	9.1	13.9
385	178	BPP	305	...	6.9	3.0	17.2
27	18	Barbour Index	26	- 1	7.2	3.6	20.0
222	111	Brit Data Mgt	218	...	0.7	0.2	30.7
14	9	Broadcastlee	12	...	...	2.4	18.2
104	58	Brooke Service	98	...	...	...	...
145	72	CMT Gp	94	+ 1	2.4	3.4	10.7
447	362	Capita Group	447	+ 3	5.4	1.6	25.7
36	19	Caskes Plc	33	...	0.5	2.0	12.7
220	25	Chiltern Capital	51	...	...	...	...
39	22	Chrysse	28	...	...	...	...
260	180	Chubb Sec	252	...	...	...	...
43	18	Comtec	28	+ 2	...	1.5	27.8
31	9	Corp Services	9	...	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	66	...	3.3	8.7	7.5
216	145	Davis Service	203	...	7.9	5.3	15.4
115	65	EW Data	97	...	...	5.9	7.2
57	8	Gardiner	13	...	1.3	12.8	4.2
48	21	Gardner (DC)	30	...	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	245	...	4.6	2.5	26.1
118	54	Hldg Hanson	118	...	5.0	5.6	...
367	212	Klelnwort Ben	347	...	10.0	6.1	30.4
573	346	Lloyds	528	+13	16.7	4.2	17.9
77	40	Lon Scot Bk	77 †	+ 1	3.0	5.2	∞
278	258	Nat Asset Bk	278	+10	...	5.4	13.1
491	251	Nat West	432	...	17.5	5.4	59.7
785	418	Provident	776	...	25.0	4.3	17.7
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	...	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	226	- 2	8.8	5.2	...
1495	1043	Schroders	1495	+ 2	18.0	1.6	17.4
672	544	Sccnd Clwn	645	+ 14	20.0	4.1	16.6
170	115	TSB	172	+ 1	6.4	5.1	∞
200	36	Union Disc	100	...	13.5	...	...
615	403	Warburg SG	595	+ 1	18.0	4.0	17.6
218	137	do- 8% 'A'	206	- 2	...	3.9	...
6725	3087	Wells Fargo	6625	+50	...	...	...
183	99	Westpac	151	+ 5	...	5.4	∞
253	168	Wintrust	200	...	9.3	6.3	7.6

BREWERIES

712	526	Allied-Lyons	586	...	20.0	4.6	13.6
626	472	Bass	590	-13	18.9	4.3	13.8
215	149	Boddington	202	...	6.6	4.4	12.8
400	243	Bulmer (H/P)	369	...	9.0	3.3	17.0
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	153	...	4.4	3.9	11.2
291	194	Devenish (JM)	275	...	7.8	3.8	...
107	68	Eldridge P 'A's	99	...	...	4.9	23.6
94½	47	Fosters Brewing	65	+ 1	...	2.1	∞
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A's	350	...	...	2.6	14.7
516	360	Grand Met	439	+ 2	12.3	3.7	14.5
425	325	Greenalls Grp	406	...	11.7	3.8	13.5
530	405	Greene King	528	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	450	Guinness	463	- 4	10.8	3.1	13.3
346	245	Hardy Hanson	275	...	7.9	3.8	15.3
148	113	Hoskwtrs	113	...	3.0	3.7	∞
105	76	do- 'A' Lte	76	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Dist	269	...	6.0	3.0	17.9
48	21	Hoskins Brew	40	- 1	...	...	24.8
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	274	...	6.5	3.2	15.4
220	151	Macallan-Glen	171	...	0.7	0.6	34.5
620	380	Macdn Martn 'A's	418	...	8.8	2.8	13.1
720	515	Mansfield	681	...	13.6	2.7	14.6
269	166	Marston Thmp	251	+ 1	4.9	2.8	13.5
477	304	Matthew Clark	420	+ 1	15.7	4.9	12.9
291	165	Maryhwn B	281	...	...	2.8	15.5
495	320	Morland	485	...	8.4	2.3	19.3
10½	5½	Paramount A	6	...	...	4.5	16.0
1030	665	SA Breweries	863	...	...	3.1	∞
492	386	Scot & Nwc	434	...	18.1	4.9	11.8
146	96	Taunton Cider	140	+ 4	...	3.3	12.7
241	146	Vaux Group	219	+ 1	9.3	5.7	15.1
249	165	Wetherspoon JD	247	...	...	2.6	20.0
448	341	Whitbread 'A'	430	+ 4	16.9	4.7	13.5
1439	1073	do- 'B'	1073	-27	16.9	2.1	30.2
643	510	Wolverhmpton D	593	...	11.4	2.6	16.7
545	453	Young 'A'	510	...	14.5	3.8	22.3

BUILDING, ROADS

95	80	Abbey	95	...	...	1.4	34.3
47	4	Albrighton ∞	31	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allens	100	...	...	0.7	10.8
156	53	Amec	89	...	10.2	...	8.2
2½	2½	Anglia Sec	8	...	...	...	...
192	65	Ashtead	175	...	4.1	3.1	23.5
151	100	Arrwoods	137	...	5.0	4.9	19.8
221	153	BPB Ind	216	+ 7	11.2	...	54.0
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.7	5.4	25.9
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
168	68	Barcrft	95	- 1	1.2	1.8	17.2
132	34	Barran Devs	125	+ 1	2.0	2.1	12.0
192	165	Bellway	190	+ 3	11.5	3.9	21.9
22	14	Bellwinlaw	20	...	...	...	...
355	180	Berkeley Gp	353	+ 2	5.0	1.9	23.4
100	45	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	7.5
69	27	Blockleys	36	- 2	3.3	...	35.8
284½	121	Blue Circle	214	- 1	11.2	7.0	21.4
245	140	Boot (Henry)	245	...	...	2.9	13.4
108	62	Breedon PLC	97	...	4.9	6.3	18.8
152	on	Br Dredging	92	+ 1	7.4	10.7	12.0
180	42	Brit Fittings	65	...	5.3	...	...
178	90	Bryant	128	+ 2	4.8	5.1	27.1
98	58	CALA	90	- 2	2.3	5.1	...
249	187	CRH	222	- 2	...	4.0	13.4
48	14	Cakebread Roy	41	- 2	...	...	...
52	18½	Costain	24½	- 1½	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	117	+ 2	4.1	4.8	30.2
99	23	Crest Nicholson	51	- 1	0.9	...	...
58	14	Cussins	46	...	...	...	...
8	1	Dunton ∞	3	...	...	...	...
65	12	Edmund Hidgs	25	...	1.6	...	10.2
211	152	Egwld	181	...	...	4.9	14.9
53	33	Erith	34	...	2.0	...	...
257	220	Eve Groups	257	+ 1	...	4.4	10.7
98	25	Evered Bardon	48	...	5.6	...	25.9
8	3	Explasive	4½	...	...	...	...
138	68	Freeman Gps	102	+ 4	...	...	...
79	30	Galliford	47	- 1	4.3	12.2	18.9
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	75	- 3	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (M)	703	...	12.7	2.4	10.4
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	96	...	3.1	4.4	20.0
63	28	Hewetson	36	...	2.6	...	35.3
28	15	Hey & Croke	16 #	...	...	...	...
128	78	Heywd Wlm	108	...	12.5	8.1	18.8
176	29	Higgs & Hill	63	...	9.0	...	9.6
38	25	Hose Gp	33	- 2	2.5	...	6.1
20	10	Howard Hlogs	19	...	0.5	3.5	...
98	36	Ibstock Johnsen	97	- 1	6.0	...	...
63	14½	Ianfrs	17	...	0.5	...	...
299	109	Lafarge Ul	215	...	9.0	5.6	11.1
3½	3½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.6
112	77	Ln Clydesdale	77 †	...	4.5	7.8	28.0
26	4½	Lovell (T)	15	...	...	...	6.8
208	180	Manders	203	...	7.0	3.3	10.7
146	57	Marley	107	- 2	4.2	5.2	27.0
75	47	Marshalls	71	...	...	9.4	23.8
166	101	Maunders (J)	130	...	4.8	5.1	11.0
212	76	McAlpine (A)	144	+ 2	10.3	...	10.0
162	116	Allied Colloids	143	+ 1	3.9	2.1	10.3
699	413	Amersham	691	+ 1	12.5	2.4	25.6
31½	9	Anglo Utd	9½	...	0.8	...	...
9625	7262½	BASF Dfd	9625	-87½	...	8.3	...
260	201	BTP	260	...	8.6	4.6	18.6
£117½	9050	Bayer DM50	£117½	+95½	...	4.8	...
248	126	Biagden	135	- 5	9.5	9.4	9.7
158	115	Brent Chems	148	- 2	7.3	6.6	20.0
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	522	...	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	34	...	2.5	14.4	6.0
179	112	Canning (W)	151	...	7.2	6.4	12.1
616	371	Courtaulds	580	- 3	13.0	3.0	15.8
270½	142	Croda	255	- 2	7.5	3.9	19.4
211	152	Ellis & Everard	198 †	- 1	7.8	4.9	17.6
16½	7	Enns Colour	16	...	0.6	5.4	...
156	43	Evode	138	+ 1	3.5	3.5	∞
281	177	Halstead (J)	281	...	...	2.8	15.0
227	158	Hickson	222	...	7.8	4.7	14.1
£112½	75.9	Hoechst	£110½	-75	...	7.1	...
1410	975	ICI	1197	+12	55.0	4.3	27.9
661	434	Laporte	661	+ 4	18.9	3.8	12.8
228	138	Leigh	214	- 1	7.8	4.9	17.5
250	17	MTM	19	- 1½	1.8	...	3.2
1667½	1100	Norsk Hydro	1675	-12½	...	2.0	...
408	361	Paterson Zoch	408	+ 5	11.4	3.7	17.6
395	265	do- 'A'	373	+ 2	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	231	Plysu	276	- 1	6.0	2.9	18.6
206	130	Pyrmtc	205	...	...	2.1	21.3
13	4	Sandiffe Speak	12½	...	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	453	- 1	16.0	4.7	18.2
440	270	Wimbledne W	440	...	16.3	4.9	19.4
400	253	Yorks Chem	391	...	...	2.5	20.4
284	214	Yule Catto	284	+ 3	5.4	2.5	17.3

DRAPERY, STORES

382	93	Alexon	85	+ 3	...	4.7	4.6
109	23	Amber Day	45	+ 1	3.1	9.2	12.3
306	190	Argos Plc	271	- 5	6.4	3.1	18.8
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	78	- 1	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Aspreys	290	...	...	2.4	34.2
340	180	Austin Reed	198	...	6.0	...	57.6
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	- 3	5.7	5.4	13.7
144	74	Bemalls	107	...	3.8	4.8	60.4
266	86	Bentaverse	248	...	...	0.7	34.5
114	22	Blacks Leis	27	...	3.3	...	5.8
371	133	Body Shop	143	+ 1	1.6	1.5	16.5
19½	3	Brown & Jackson	13	+ 1	...	...	...
364	280	Brown (N)	356	- 2	6.0	2.2	12.0
80½	29	Burton	69½	+ ¼	...	2.6	26.4
320	126	Centors	143	+ 5	...	2.5	19.0
358	265	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
133	58	Clinton Cards	130	+ 5	3.7	3.8	...
273	151	Coats Vyella	222	- ½	7.0	4.2	25.4
163	77	Colourvision ∞	94 †	...	...	...	15.9
404	300	Courts Furnish	404 †	+ 1	5.0	1.7	20.3
252	100	Crown Eyes	120	...	...	6.7	5.6
111	65	Dcny Farm (m)	90	- 1	...	...	15.5
57	27½	Dewhirst (J)	56½	...	0.7	1.2	18.7
286	179	Dixons Grp	219	+ 2	6.0	3.7	25.8
495	355	Dunhill	378	+ 1	7.7	2.7	13.1
33	13	ERA Gp	19	...	...	...	8.8
780	480	Elys (Wimbldn)	685	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
101	39½	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.6	20.2
258	199	Etam	213	...	...	6.1	19.0
519	340	Fine Art Dev	517	- 1	11.0	2.8	19.8
80	36	Fired Earth Tiles	43	...	4.0	...	31.4
500	439	Formlnster	490	...	12.6	3.4	10.4
38	5	French Conn ∞	37	...	...	...	...
75	21	Gabbicdr ∞	28	...	...	9.5	5.6
69	39	Gem SR	50	...	2.0	5.3	14.7
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	1.8	...	...
2530	1860	GUS	2525	...	40.0	2.1	20.0
1728	1319	do- 'A'	1578	-15	40.0	3.4	20.0
75	30	Hampden Grps	38	...	...	7.0	5.4
283	123	Harestone	246	...	4.8	2.7	15.0
26	16	Helene Pic	23½	...	2.0	11.4	10.3
40	18	Heritage ∞	34	...	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle ∞	35	- 1	1.8	5.8	...
168	130	Hse of Lerose	141 †	- 1	10.3	9.7	22.4
195	40	Jacques Vert	64 †	...	2.0	...	...
598	414	Kingfisher	514	- 2	12.0	3.4	15.4
73	54½	Leslie Wne Gp	65	...	4.0	8.2	10.9
680	405	Liberty	680	+17	7.2	1.4	46.3
373	162	Lloyds Chem	287	- 2	5.5	2.6	11.3
254	166	Oxford Inn	216	...	...	4.3	2.6
127	46	P-E Interntl	55	...	...	6.2	...
68	16	P & P	48	...	...	3.4	3.9
88	42	Peek	67	...	...	3.4	6.8
190	85	Pegasus ∞	151	...	...	...	8.2
9200	7000	Philips Fz 4%	9000	...	...	...	8.4
1187½	625	do- Ltd Pr	1150	+17½	...	...	...
452	310	Pltco	452	+ 9	7.7	2.1	38.6
431	290	do- 'A' Voting	431	+11	7.7	2.4	36.8
48	28	Plasmec ∞	44	...	...	...	...
191	67	Premier	135	...	...	3.5	...
220	85	Psion ∞	105	...	...	...	3.0
11	2	Ptarmigan	4	- 1	...	...	...
180	129	Racal Elec	182	- 2	1.5	1.7	21.6
46	26	Redstone	46	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
64	25	Redifusn	64	...	...	0.4	41.7
118	62	Real Time ∞	64	...	...	6.3	5.8
28	10	Riva	21	...	...	...	...
344	228	Sage Gp	338	+ 1	9.0	2.3	17.3
66	44	Sanderson	66	+ 1	2.8	6.2	29.2
142	92	Scholes Grp	135	- 1	5.0	4.4	14.2
340	179	Sema Gp	280	- 1	2.6	1.2	34.1
45	21	Silvermines	37	...	...	7.8	...
30	29	Soundtracks	40 †	...	...	7.3	∞
2012	1275	TDK	2012	...	...	14	21.2
8	3	TDS Circuits	5	...	...	...	...
127	30	Telecentrx	115	- 5	0.6	0.7	40.1
885	633	THORN EMI	860	- 4	30.1	4.7	22.3
110	88	Thorpe PW	110	...	5.3	5.3	10.3
96	33	Tunstall	90	...	2.2	2.5	18.9
403	190	Tunstall	400	...	6.0	2.0	17.9
296	123	Unitech	291	+ 5	5.8	3.9	34.8
27	9	Verity ∞	9½	...	...	...	...
27	13	Visitex ∞	2½	...	...	...	...
434	285	Vodafone	385	- 5	...	1.5	22.2
460	260	Votex	434	- 1	...	5.4	21.3
17	10	Western Selectn	15	...	...	...	...
287	193	Wholesale Fgs	230	- 4	11.7	6.9	21.6

ELECTRICITY

444	273	East Midlands	430	+10	17.1	5.3	8.3
465	266	Eastern Elec	438	+11	16.7	5.1	10.9
263	143	Hydro-Elec	247	+ 2	10.1	4.3	11.1
465	288	London Elect	447	+14	16.8	5.0	8.6
513	324	Manweb	494	+10	18.2	4.9	7.1
480	287	Midlands Elec	470	+14	17.2	4.9	9.9
498	395	Northern Elec	488	+10	18.5	5.1	7.2
494	358	Norweb	478	+9	17.7	4.9	9.0
267	142	Scottish Power	224	+ 3	10.1	5.6	10.8
482	297	Seebcard	473	+ 8	17.2	4.9	8.5
539	313	Sth Wales	504	+ 9	19.4	5.1	8.0
478	293	Sth Western	464	+ 5	17.4	5.0	8.4
507	330	Southrn Elec	447	+15	16.6	5.0	8.8
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	504	+ 9	18.3	5.1	8.0
310	188	National Power	304	+ 9	9.1	4.0	10.0
312	196	PowerGen	306	+10	9.2	4.0	9.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

58	39	Alden Flume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
67	39½	BWD ∞	67	+ 5	...	6.0	9.4
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	439	- 3	14.4	4.4	16.8
1450	1050	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.1
293	203	Candover	293	...	9.5	5.0	20.0
98	42	Flexitech ∞	89	+ 2	...	...	7.3
197	103	Govett	190	...	...	...	5.5
135	97	Ivory Sime	132	...	...	6.3	14.0
7½	2½	LTT	4½	...	...	...	...
165	78	Lighistrip	122	...	...	...	0.6
168	110	Lon Forfaiting ∞	168	...	...	6.1	14.6
84	14	Manakin	76	...	...	...	...
8	1½	Nar Home Lonn	8	...	...	...	...
47	24	Newmarket	46	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Bro	253	...	...	2.6	17.9
19½	9	Rutland Trt	18	- ½	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	130	S & U	300	- 2	...	3.6	10.8
59	34	Singer & Fried	58	+ 2	2.5	5.7	12.7
938	575	Sotheby's	938	...	...	4.4	...
94	73	SFP Capital	93	...	3.0	4.3	16.6

FINANCE, LAND

58	39	Alden Flume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
67	39½	BWD ∞	67	+ 5	...	6.0	9.4
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	439	- 3	14.4	4.4	16.8
1450	1050	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.1
293	203	Candover	293	...	9.5	5.0	20.0
98	42	Flexitech ∞	89	+ 2	...	...	7.3
197	103	Govett	190	...	...	...	5.5
135	97	Ivory Sime	132	...	...	6.3	14.0
7½	2½	LTT	4½	...	...	...	...
165	78	Lighistrip	122	...	...	...	0.6
168	110	Lon Forfaiting ∞	168	...	...	6.1	14.6
84	14	Manakin	76	...	...	...	...
8	1½	Nar Home Lonn	8	...	...	...	...
47	24	Newmarket	46	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Bro	253	...	...	2.6	17.9
19½	9	Rutland Trt	18	- ½	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	130	S & U	300	- 2

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International	81.94	87.16	+0.92	1.17
Dividend Gth	55.06	58.57†	-0.10	5.12
Global Gth Sec	59.74	63.56	-0.08	3.13
Ethical Growth	63.19	67.22	-0.04	2.87
High Inc Equity	147.30	156.40†	-0.20	3.43
Worldwide Bond	269.00	285.10†	+2.00	4.38
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ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6801				
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European Inc	79.00	83.72	+0.25	1.60
Exempt	877.40	904.90†	+4.00	3.38
Extra Inc	41.48	45.01	+0.05	5.59
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Balanced	614.80	657.20	+0.70	2.85
American Inc	49.19	52.58†	+0.61	3.25
Wld Asset Val	37.75	40.35	+0.32	1.91
Japan	146.00	155.60†	+2.40	0.01
Secs of Am	441.70	472.40	+7.00	0.35
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	304.40	323.90	+1.30	3.05
-do- Inc	218.20	232.20	+1.00	3.05
Higher Inc Acc	544.00	578.80	+2.30	4.31
-do- Inc	335.60	357.10	+1.40	4.21
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	171.70	181.30	...	6.64
-do- Inc	92.30	97.49	-0.01	6.64
Nth America	279.70	297.60	+4.50	...
Far East	257.00	273.40	+3.70	0.31
Europe	214.30	228.00	-0.10	1.24
General Inc	413.80	440.30	-2.40	2.70
-do- Acc	450.30	479.60	+2.70	2.70
Brit Excell	60.04	66.00	+0.38	3.10
Brit Fndmtls Inc	63.87	67.75	+0.16	5.24
Brit Fndmtls Acc	81.37	86.57	+0.20	5.24
Global Opps	69.22	73.64	+0.86	0.13
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Capital	104.40	111.70†	...	3.34
Euro Gth Inc	113.20	120.00	-0.10	1.21
Extra Inc	101.80	108.90	-0.10	5.51
General	233.70	249.90	+0.30	3.46
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.46	59.44	+0.01	8.74
Income	457.00	488.60†	-0.30	4.96
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Australia	...	...	...	...
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Eastern	177.40	191.20	+2.00	1.70
Equity Income	76.17	81.03	+0.08	6.80
European Gth	224.30	238.60	+0.90	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	149.20	159.70	-0.30	2.00
Exempt	80.25	82.48†	-0.69	3.90
German Growth	53.56	57.22	-0.05	0.80
Global Growth	108.50	116.00	+1.10	...
Japan Growth	162.30	173.90†	+3.20	...
Japan Sunrise	138.30	147.70	+2.70	...
Portfolio	115.30	123.20	+0.60	3.40
-do- Acc	203.50	217.80	+1.00	3.40
UK Growth	74.45	79.20	+0.31	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	74.84	80.04	+0.02	2.00
Select Managers	61.99	66.44	+0.13	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	100.93	107.95	+0.28	2.39
-do- Inc	92.44	98.87	+0.26	2.39
Global Bond	29.84	31.65	+0.26	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.54	54.05	+0.17	4.52
-do- Inc	37.04	39.62†	+0.12	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	92.96	88.75	+0.16	1.81
-do- Inc	76.74	82.07	+0.15	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	60.78	65.01	+1.16	...
-do- Inc	59.65	63.79†	+1.13	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.10	102.79	-0.31	1.78
-do- Inc	95.22	101.84	-0.31	1.78
Mngd P folio	34.24	36.62	+0.23	1.54
Pacific Growth	88.22	94.35	+2.03	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	85.40	91.34	+0.53	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	109.50	116.60	-1.00	3.61
Smallest Cos Acc	251.70	274.40	...	...
Smaller Cos Inc	150.90	160.70	...	1.43
High Inc	71.21	76.20	-0.20	7.24
Income	123.10	131.80	-0.20	4.40
Mngd P folio Inc	91.68	97.64†	+0.54	2.13
-do- Acc	171.60	182.60	+1.00	...
North American	113.60	121.00	+1.20	0.18
Orient	101.30	109.00	+1.60	...
Recovery	36.02	38.72	+0.13	3.05
German	41.98	44.98	+0.17	0.09
Intl Growth	33.62	35.80	+0.41	0.22
European Inc	22.62	24.34	+0.06	0.46
Conv General	19.34	20.70	+0.05	8.08
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.53	66.53	-0.07	1.22
-do- Acc	69.72	74.18	-0.08	1.22
Income Fund 5	205.50	218.70	+0.80	4.08
-do- Acc	467.30	497.20	+1.90	4.08
Inv Portfolio	65.79	68.18	+0.11	2.20
-do- Acc	74.29	76.99†	+0.13	2.20
Smaller Cos	115.30	122.70	-0.20	2.14
-do- Acc	138.40	147.30	-0.40	2.14
High Inc P folio	57.78	59.68	+0.39	4.87
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Stu Gilt Fxd Int	69.23	70.15	+0.05	5.93
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.50	142.10	+0.50	1.71
UK Growth	140.70	149.70†	+0.10	2.49
UK Income	130.60	138.30	-0.10	4.62
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	79.53	85.06	+0.79	1.09
Growth	43.24	46.00†	-0.46	3.07
Income	51.51	55.09†	+0.04	4.32
Far East	42.22	45.15	+0.77	0.34
North American	86.77	93.30	+1.44	0.01
Global	84.06	89.90	+0.94	0.62
European	67.60	72.30	+0.94	1.39
Japan	89.25	95.45	+1.55	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.00	63.55	+0.65	4.97
UK Cap Gwth	76.59	81.91	+0.34	2.34
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	137.60	146.40	+2.40	0.06
-do- Acc	145.30	155.60	+2.50	0.06
European	66.62	70.53	+0.15	1.07
-do- Acc	69.06	73.11	+0.16	1.07
Far East Gen	49.86	53.08	+0.65	...
-do- Acc	49.86	53.05	+0.66	...
Glentrust	245.20	260.90	+2.20	1.30
-do- Acc	275.40	293.00	+2.50	1.30
Growth	368.30	394.00	+1.20	2.58
-do- Acc	626.30	669.90	+2.10	2.58
Income Growth	360.10	383.10†	+1.30	4.14
-do- Acc	478.80	509.40	+1.80	4.14
Master Portfolio	9310.0	9634.0†	+58.00	2.85
-do- Acc	10723.0	11085.0	+67.00	2.85
Special Sits	83.87	89.23†	+0.29	2.55
-do- Acc	98.17	104.44	+0.35	2.55
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1160.0	1196.0	+4.00	4.67
-do- Acc	1343.0	1385.0	+5.00	4.67
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	202.00	215.00†	+3.40	1.70
Capital	518.70	553.50	+2.80	2.54
Eurotrack 100	129.60	137.80†	+0.40	1.24
Euro Gth	79.71	84.88†	+0.48	1.85
Far East Growth	81.24	86.70†	+1.71	0.49
Global Bond	23.57	24.62†	+0.20	6.45
Hong Kong	70.55	75.29	+1.15	0.67
Income	491.40	524.40	+1.20	4.81
Intl Growth	72.95	77.89	+1.15	1.04
Japan Growth	211.70	225.90	+4.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	27.12	28.94†	+0.58	...
Japan Index	62.93	67.16†	-1.39	0.30
Nth American	440.50	470.10	+7.60	0.05
S pore Mly Gth	49.84	53.19	+0.27	...
The Footsie Fd	105.20	111.00	+0.60	2.57
Tiger Index	136.10	145.20	+1.70	0.98
Triple Index	99.14	105.80	-0.20	2.89
UK Index	119.10	127.10†	+0.53	3.39
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.91	91.78	...	1.00
European P folio	71.16	75.58	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	50.61	53.70	-0.86	...
Pacific P folio	90.71	97.54	+1.48	2.43
Cazenove P folio	67.83	72.55†	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.74	65.11	...	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	585.00	591.20	...	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	...	9.50
Deposit	6.40	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	575.06	577.14	...	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	...
Deposit	6.20	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.97	66.28	...	2.44
Beckman Intl	79.91	84.37	...	3.35
Friars Hse Inc	176.83	190.14	...	6.52
Friars Hse Cap	246.08	264.67	...	2.94
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	112.91	120.14	+1.57	...
European Gth	93.57	99.54	+0.26	1.31
Far East Gth	94.64	100.68	+1.57	0.32
Japan Gth Acc	34.26	36.45	+0.63	...
Managed	60.45	64.34	+0.77	3.02
-do- Acc	73.04	77.70	+0.91	3.02
Mthly Inc Plus	46.45	49.41	-0.08	8.35
Smaller Cos	31.44	33.45†	-0.75	2.20
-do- Acc	35.39	37.65	-0.84	2.20
UK General	66.47	70.71	+0.24	2.82
-do- Acc	79.60	84.78	+0.30	2.82
Wwide Bd	65.51	69.69	+0.59	6.15
-do- Acc	82.09	87.33	+0.74	6.15
Wwide Sp Sits	54.07	57.83†	+0.57	0.25
-do- Acc	56.21	60.12	+0.59	0.25
Quilter General	118.35	125.90	+0.33	2.59
-do- Acc	130.27	138.59	+0.37	2.59
Quilter Income	89.64	95.36†	-0.12	3.88
-do- Acc	110.48	117.53	-0.15	3.88
Quilter Intl	126.34	134.40	+1.20	0.42
-do- Acc	128.09	136.26	+1.21	0.42
Quilter UK Spec	67.88	72.21	-0.11	2.56
-do- Acc	89.80	95.53	-0.15	2.56
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	96.94	103.13	+0.08	1.89
Fixed Conv	40.36	42.94†	+0.90	8.23
-do- Acc	105.33	112.05	+2.36	8.23
Equity Inc	137.53	146.31†	+0.71	4.23
-do- Acc	442.21	470.44	+2.30	4.23
High Yield	115.17	122.53	+1.77	5.25
-do- Acc	431.09	458.61	+6.66	5.25
Preference	45.95	48.88†	-0.07	8.12
-do- Acc	232.45	247.29	-0.37	8.12
PPT Europe	148.59	158.07	+0.35	0.61
PPT Global Bnd	84.16	89.53	+0.81	4.83
PPT Gold Com	51.04	54.30	+1.41	...
PPT Thai	58.76	62.51	+0.89	...
PPT Hong Kong	94.07	100.08	+2.51	0.47
PPT Japan	94.60	100.64	+1.73	...
PPT N Amer	157.52	167.57	+2.13	...
PPT S'pore Mly	100.06	106.45	+0.94	...
PPT UK	112.38	119.55	+0.45	1.56
PPT Cash	90.95	90.95	+0.02	6.30
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	75.37	80.18	+0.76	0.99
Japanese Acc	49.12	52.25	+0.83	...
UK Balncd Inc	121.20	128.90	+0.20	2.60
-do- Acc	141.50	150.50	+0.20	2.60
UK Growth Acc	200.60	213.40	+0.10	2.26
UK High Inc	128.60	136.80	-0.20	6.94
-do- Acc	151.80	161.50	-0.23	6.94
N America Acc	118.80	126.40	+1.30	0.31
European Acc	151.10	160.70	+0.60	0.43
UK Fxd Int Inc	59.56	63.22	+0.07	8.94
-do- Acc	96.13	102.00	+0.10	8.94
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.44	49.40	+0.57	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.65	75.16	+0.10	1.48
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	117.60	124.90	+1.20	...
UK Smlr Cos	177.60	188.70	+1.00	1.32
Eurofund	37.53	39.71	+0.16	1.01
Mngd Exempt	163.80	170.70	+2.70	3.08
Growth Inc	207.10	220.00†	...	4.09
High Dist	134.80	143.20	-0.60	6.04
International	313.30	332.90	+2.40	0.98
Intl Income	79.73	85.11†	+0.47	3.05
Pacific	57.29	60.87	+0.98	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	55.41	58.87	+1.11	...
Tokyo	166.40	176.90	+3.50	...
Japan Exempt	91.93	94.46	+1.20	0.53
Sml Jap Exempt	456.60	469.10	+19.70	0.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	166.30	176.90	-1.50	1.07
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	101.87	107.23	+0.18	3.70
High Income	116.77	122.92	+0.29	5.16
Tst of Inv Tsts	138.79	146.09†	+0.10	2.36
Special Sits	81.74	86.04	+0.27	3.39
North American	111.38	117.24	+0.89	1.06
Far Eastern	213.48	224.72	+2.90	1.57
Intl Growth	90.31	95.59	+1.11	1.52
European	63.78	67.14	+0.18	2.17
Smaller Cos	68.12	71.70	+0.28	2.40
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	227.30	241.10	+3.80	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.00
European Tst	108.50	115.40	+0.10	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.64	98.02†	+0.10	1.69
Far Eastern	116.70	124.70	+2.10	...
Overs Income	88.39	94.67	-0.84	2.64
UK Growth	89.11	95.30†	+0.29	1.44
UK Income	99.95	106.90	+0.40	5.50
US Smaller Cos	236.00	252.40	+2.60	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	445.40	476.30	+5.10	...
-do- Acc	455.00	486.50	+5.40	...
Capital	280.10	297.90	-0.30	2.26
-do- Acc	386.70	411.20	-0.40	2.26
Contl Smllr Cos	45.36	48.19	+0.13	1.40
-do- Acc	46.93	50.48	+0.13	1.40
Convertible	107.30	114.10†	+0.10	6.09
-do- Acc	198.60	211.20†	+0.20	6.09
European	97.02	103.60	...	0.84
-do- Acc	100.30	107.10	...	0.84
Extra Income	277.80	295.50†	-0.10	4.51
-do- Acc	389.00	413.70†	-0.10	4.51
Financial	107.30	115.30	+0.50	0.54
-do- Acc	111.20	120.00	+0.50	0.54
Health Fund Inc	129.40	138.20	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	129.40	138.20	+1.20	...
Income Tst	171.80	182.70	-0.10	4.16
-do- Acc	239.50	254.70	-0.10	4.16
Intl Growth	310.30	331.60	+4.10	...
-do- Acc	344.60	368.20	+4.60	...
Japan Gen	141.30	151.20	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	142.70	152.70	+1.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.53	94.24	+0.27	1.06
-do- Acc	92.45	97.31	+0.27	1.06
Monthly Income	140.50	149.40	+0.40	4.61
Recovery	292.70	313.00†	+2.60	0.60
-do- Acc	342.80	366.50†	+3.10	0.60
Gilt Gth Tst	60.40	62.28	-0.01	6.96
-do- Acc	75.83	78.18	-0.02	6.96
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	337.84	359.40	+0.79	2.96
-do- Acc	682.12	725.66	+1.58	2.96
Euro Gth Dist	103.55	110.16†	+0.47	1.08
-do- Acc	106.64	113.45†	+0.49	1.08
Fixed Int Dist	129.25	136.71	+0.18	6.69
-do- Acc	214.51	226.90	+0.29	6.69
Intl Gth Dist	74.02	78.75	-0.60	0.82
-do- Acc	76.56	81.45	-0.62	0.82
Nth Amer Dist	175.29	185.85†	+1.62	0.73
-do- Acc	190.25	201.71†	+1.75	0.73
Pac Basin Dist	220.48	234.55†	+2.22	0.34
-do- Acc	223.88	238.17†	+2.27	0.34
Stewardship Dist	288.40	306.81	-0.57	1.97
-do- Acc	341.20	362.98	-0.68	1.97
Stwd Inc Dist	58.92	62.68†	+0.14	4.00
-do- Acc	72.30	76.91†	+0.17	4.00
N Am Stwd Dist	99.10	105.43†	+0.50	0.02
-do- Acc	104.84	111.53†	+0.53	0.02
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	141.80	151.70	+3.10	...
European	396.40	420.70	+0.60	0.94
Far East General	196.30	209.00	+4.20	0.31
Germany	96.31	102.00	+0.30	0.40
Global Assets In	65.60	70.17	+0.32	2.19
Global Assets Ac	68.75	73.53	+0.34	2.16
Income	108.40	116.00	+0.10	7.27
International	251.00	268.50	+1.50	0.97
Intl Income	75.96	80.66	-0.58	4.57
Japan General	311.70	330.20	+8.00	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.56	47.66†	-0.12	6.36
UK Capital Inc	146.90	157.20†	+0.40	4.19
-do- Acc	251.20	268.80	+0.60	4.09
UK Spec Sits	67.84	72.56	+0.71	1.68
US General	116.90	125.10	+1.70	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	113.40	121.30	+0.90	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AL. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.92	44.83†	+0.25	1.29
Cash Trust*	127.25	127.25†	+0.01	5.17
Pract Inv Inc	100.47	107.74	-0.09	4.11
-do- Acc	214.50	230.03	-0.17	4.11
UK Smaller Cos	95.39	102.30	-0.08	1.66
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.01	25.68†	-0.01	8.68
High Inc	30.06	32.15†	-0.02	5.60
UK Equity Inc	121.95	130.43†	+0.91	4.34
Global Bond	30.29	31.34	+0.25	5.07
International Funds				
Gold Intl	65.45	70.19	+1.92	1.67
Frontier Markets	41.65	44.66	+0.36	0.29
Global Inc Gth	120.70	128.83	+1.37	2.72
UK Intl	108.31	115.84	+0.56	0.95
Overseas Funds				
American	133.72	142.76	+1.96	0.57
European	81.65	86.68	-0.26	0.95
Euro Sel Opps	92.84	98.80†	-0.29	1.34
American Emerg	79.77	85.34	+1.28	...
Hong Kong	101.51	108.86	+1.28	2.01
Japan	170.03	180.90	+2.87	...
Pacific Growth	139.97	150.10	+2.02	0.51
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 8526				
Intl Growth	119.90	128.23	+0.51	0.95
American Gth	124.53	133.19	+1.09	0.35
European Gth	68.29	73.04	+0.07	0.82
German Horizn	48.15	51.38	-0.13	0.92
Japan Gth	63.39	67.79	+0.43	...
Pacific Inc	124.70	133.37	+0.65	3.22
Pacific Strategy	102.67	109.80	+0.57	...
UK Prog Inc	70.22	74.04	+0.69	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.61	49.14	-0.08	2.00
UK Small Cos	43.41	45.35	-1.20	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.90	129.90	...	4.75
Gilt Fixed	118.70	125.90	+0.30	6.68
Growth Equity	276.50	295.30	-0.50	2.32
Guardhill	410.90	438.90	-1.80	2.63
Income Trust	101.50	108.40	+0.10	3.91
International	152.20	162.60	-1.40	0.31
Japan Trust	104.40	111.50†	+1.80	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	263.00	280.90	+2.80	0.35
Pacific	332.80	355.50	+5.10	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	332.80	355.50	+0.40	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.73	35.76†	-0.10	1.87
-do- Acc	35.32	37.44	-0.10	1.87
Inc Adv Inc	28.67	30.40	-0.10	4.31
-do- Acc	29.56	31.34	-0.10	4.31
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	68.97	73.88	+1.56	0.74
Equity Income	107.70	114.60†	-0.20	3.73
European	133.50	141.30	+0.30	1.50
Intl Situation	72.19	76.80	+0.51	...
Japanese	114.50	121.80	+1.90	...
North American	105.40	111.80	+0.80	0.05
Scandinavian	103.40	109.20	+1.10	0.12
Smaller Cos	28.42	30.23†	-0.68	8.01
HENDERSON PO Box 2803, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.88	102.53	+1.60	...
Asian Enterprise	117.06	125.71	+1.09	1.16
Australian	128.91	137.79	+3.89	1.35
European	356.80	377.98	-2.35	1.05
European Inc	67.91	71.90†	+0.44	3.20
Euro Sml Co	117.63	125.22	-0.36	0.87
Extra Income	248.84	264.90	+0.59	5.53
Family of Funds	66.42	70.69†	-0.46	1.18
Fixed Interest	55.16	58.93	+0.01	9.33
Global Resour	81.41	87.39†	+2.69	1.62
High Inc	268.04	286.52†	-0.15	4.89
Income Gth	225.81	240.48	+0.59	4.03
-do- Acc	568.24	605.17	+1.48	4.08
International	223.12	237.50	-1.57	0.81
Japan Spc Sit	189.92	203.00	+3.37	...
Japan	164.42	174.78†	+2.91	...
N Amer	240.72	256.28†	+3.20	0.31
Pacific Smllr Cos	159.65	171.78	+2.05	1.29
Pref Gth	45.32	49.25†	-0.03	9.87
Smaller Cos Div	152.48	166.19†	-0.01	4.48
Special Sits	246.99	264.27	-0.79	1.38
-do- Acc	378.26	404.73	-1.22	1.38
Best of British	53.87	57.74	+0.17	2.59
Spirit of the East	53.68	57.25	+0.96	0.76
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	85.40	91.33	+0.40	2.34
Capital	149.00	159.30†	+0.60	2.47
Dollar	318.50	340.60	+5.20	0.28
European	191.70	205.00	+1.00	0.56
Far East	224.60	240.20	+3.40	0.64
Financial	626.30	669.80	-1.40	2.67
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.37	26.35†	+0.01	8.24
High Yield	96.31	103.00	...	5.32
Income	128.30	137.20	-0.40	3.67
Intl	207.70	222.10†	+4.10	0.51
Japan Tech	56.08	59.97†	+1.09	...
Nat Resources	55.83	59.71	+1.09	0.55
Security	284.80	304.50	+4.10	2.19
Smaller Cos	103.90	111.10	+2.50	1.36
Special Sits	128.00	136.80	+0.30	2.39
US Smaller Cos	73.73	78.85	+0.84	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London. EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	247.00	260.00	-4.60	1.39
Capital Gwth	101.50	106.80	...	2.50
Inv Trusts	122.60	129.10	...	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.71	23.87†	-0.01	1.82
Special Features	25.93	27.55	+0.13	1.63
-do- Acc	30.41	32.31	+0.14	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.92	54.51	+0.25	2.73
Assets Earnings	67.75	71.98†	+0.27	2.08
do Acc	79.75	84.73†	+0.32	2.08
Managed Invest	81.19	86.76†	+0.59	1.38
Rupert Children	73.26	78.12	-0.30	1.79
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.05	50.05†	...	5.35
Extra Inc	75.49	80.83†	+0.10	5.40
Gilt	27.35	28.79†	+0.05	7.21
Income Gth	36.85	39.40	+0.09	3.82
Minstar	75.86	77.84	+0.21	8.31
Preference	17.69	18.79	...	7.11
UK Income	296.80	317.40	+0.40	3.63
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	32.10	35.35	+0.18	1.72
Property Shares	55.63	59.10	-0.19	2.20
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	135.20	141.90	+0.40	3.78
European Acc	109.60	116.10	+0.20	1.90
European Dist	104.30	110.50	-0.20	1.94
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	51.37	54.63	+0.40	1.00
European Perf	105.10	111.50	...	1.26
-do- Acc	107.10	113.60	...	1.26
Euro Small Cos	19.84	21.15	+0.05	0.81
French Growth	66.53	70.84†	+0.68	0.65
-do- Acc	70.90	75.50†	+0.72	0.65
Hong K/China	61.52	66.17†	+0.36	1.60
Intl Growth	48.94	51.99	+0.41	1.21
-do- Acc	48.94	51.99	+0.41	1.21
Japan Perf	27.00	28.67	+0.45	...
Accum Units	27.00	28.67	+0.45	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.99	30.78	+0.53	...
Singapore Asean	70.42	76.36	+0.41	0.63
-do- Acc	70.85	76.83	+0.41	0.63
South East Asia	204.90	221.10	+1.60	0.92
US Smllr Cos	114.00	121.10	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	115.20	122.40	+1.60	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.69	86.97	+0.66	2.69
Intl Bond	58.45	59.21	-0.52	6.47
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.61	68.95†	...	5.74
Extra Income	50.18	53.38	...	7.21
Gilt Yield	118.00	124.40	...	8.20
Global Income	188.50	200.50†	...	4.26
High Yield	127.70	135.90†	...	6.42
Smllr Cos Div	43.39	46.16†	...	5.98
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.94	99.94	...	...
North American	79.07	84.12	...	0.42
European	128.90	137.10	...	0.87
Euro Special	76.88	81.79	...	1.01
General	256.30	272.70†	...	3.53
Japan	324.30	345.00	...	...
Japanese Special	173.90	185.00	...	...
Master Acc	210.20	223.60	...	1.48
Pacific	240.00	255.30	...	0.36
Smaller Cos	91.20	97.02	...	2.38
UK Equity Gth	32.51	34.59†	...	2.86
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.10	76.70†	+0.26	0.72
Extra Income	23.28	24.77†	-0.24	3.52
Far East	23.17	24.65	+0.13	1.00
Income Gwth	70.16	74.64	-0.68	3.08
Intl Growth	49.34	52.49	+0.40	1.00
Japan	52.41	55.76†	+0.85	...
Maximum Dist*	100.30	102.30†	...	8.15
N Amer Equity	41.62	44.28	+0.38	0.47
UK Equity	82.97	88.27	+0.22	2.96
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.10	54.36†	...	4.89
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	412.70	439.00	+1.80	3.00
Equity Acc	772.00	826.60	+3.30	3.00
Equity Income	87.34	92.91†	+0.06	5.28
European	94.01	100.00†	-0.10	1.45
Far Eastern	158.90	169.00	+2.50	0.34
Fixed Interest	49.42	52.57	...	8.00
Gilt	89.88	95.31	+0.18	6.80
Global Growth	62.60	66.60	-0.47	1.02
Intl Bond	57.09	60.73†	+0.60	5.40
Japanese	55.91	59.48	+0.92	...
Overseas Equity	91.17	96.99	+0.58	0.86
Pacific Gth	78.04	83.02	+1.17	1.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	307.40	327.10	-0.30	3.20
-do- Acc	665.70	708.20	-0.80	3.20
Contl Euro Gth	50.70	53.37	+0.30	1.48
-do- Acc	53.61	56.44	+0.32	1.48
Extra Inc	231.60	246.40	-0.40	4.34
-do- Acc	561.20	599.20	-0.90	4.34
German Gth	100.30	105.60	+0.30	0.21
-do- Acc	105.20	110.80	+0.30	0.21
Growth Pen	470.90	501.00	-0.10	2.12
-do- Acc	470.90	501.00	-0.10	2.12
Income	427.40	454.70	-7.50	3.95
-do- Acc	1084.0	1154.0	-17.00	3.95
Income Port	476.70	507.20	-0.10	4.16
-do- Acc	476.70	507.20	-0.10	4.16
Japan Growth	77.51	82.53	+1.28	0.01
-do- Acc	77.85	82.82	+1.28	0.01
Master Trust	50.71	53.74	+0.13	1.44
-do- Acc	54.93	58.44	+0.13	1.44
N American Gen	196.30	208.90	+4.30	0.01
-do- Acc	226.80	241.30	+5.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	139.30	148.20	+1.40	0.01
-do- Acc	142.10	151.20	+1.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	189.20	201.30	+2.70	0.56
-do- Acc	199.90	212.70	+2.90	0.56
Small Cos Rec	283.20	300.30	-0.30	2.42
-do- Acc	367.80	387.20	-0.50	2.42
UK Growth	76.90	81.81	-0.12	2.33
-do- Acc	89.66	95.39	-0.14	2.33
Worldwide Gth	271.30	288.70	+3.20	0.29
-do- Acc	399.70	425.30	+4.60	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	74.99	80.46	+0.05	3.10
Income	58.04	62.27	+0.03	4.10
International	54.69	58.68	+0.39	0.80
American	62.52	67.08	+0.80	0.30
Japan	40.85	43.83	+0.29	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.87	56.73	+0.07	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	406.80	430.10†	+4.30	0.79
-do- Acc	502.00	530.70	+5.30	0.79
American Rec	422.70	448.10	+3.90	0.53
-do- Acc	483.50	512.60	+4.40	0.53
Am Sm Co Acc	123.70	132.40	+1.40	0.10
Australia Acc	134.50	142.20	-2.10	1.71
Capital	597.90	632.30†	-1.20	3.28
-do- Acc	659.70	697.70	-1.30	3.28
Commodity Acc	380.50	402.30	+4.90	1.31
Compnd Gth	771.80	816.20	-3.90	3.45
Dividend	32.20	34.50	-0.10	4.85
-do- Acc	125.40	134.20	-0.30	4.85
Equity Inc	275.60	294.90	-0.70	5.72
European Div	55.90	59.70†	+0.20	5.14
-do- Acc	63.20	67.40	+0.10	5.14
European Gen	371.70	394.10†	+2.00	1.59
-do- Acc	465.70	492.40	+2.60	1.59
Extra Yield	341.50	365.40	-0.40	5.15
-do- Acc	981.40	1050.0	-1.30	5.15
Far Eastern	256.20	271.60	+2.70	1.58
-do- Acc	336.10	356.30	+3.60	1.58
Fund of Inv	477.90	505.40	+0.40	2.44
-do- Acc	862.30	911.90	+0.60	2.44
General	50.10	53.00†	+0.10	4.09
-do- Acc	132.00	139.60	-0.60	4.09
Gilt Fxd Int	60.60	60.60†	+0.10	9.02
do Acc	149.70	149.90	+0.40	9.02
Gold	37.10	39.70†	+2.00	2.07
-do- Acc	43.30	46.40	+2.30	2.07
High Inc	22.60	23.90	-0.10	5.31
-do- Acc	83.70	88.60	-0.30	5.31
Intl Growth	66.10	70.10†	+0.80	1.09
-do- Acc	113.90	120.80	+1.30	1.09
Intl Inc	88.80	94.50	+0.50	5.26
Japan Gen Acc	41.10	43.40	+0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	117.50	124.20	+1.70	...
Midland	48.60	52.00	-0.60	4.67
-do- Acc	153.80	164.50	-2.10	4.67
Recovery	32.90	35.20†	-0.10	3.56
-do- Acc	51.70	55.30	-0.20	3.56
Second Gen	56.40	59.60†	...	4.02
-do- Acc	138.00	145.90	...	4.02
Smaller Cos	54.90	58.10†	...	3.84
-do- Acc	104.20	110.20	...	3.84
Trustee	35.80	37.90	...	4.41
Charibond 3	£109.17	...†	+0.30	9.87
Charifund 2	584.50	593.30†	-0.80	5.37
Pension ex 1	822.10	842.70	-1.90	4.72
NAACIF Inc 3	944.25	...†	...	8.05
-do- Acc 3	1041.2	...	-4.00	8.05
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	129.80	138.90†	+0.65	2.62
-do- Acc	144.20	154.20†	+0.65	2.62
UK Income	105.80	113.10†	+0.18	3.25
-do- Acc	118.00	126.20†	+0.18	3.25
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	76.31	81.61†	+0.88	0.61
Far East (Pacific)	120.10	127.40	+1.80	0.45
Income Growth	67.84	72.01†	-0.29	4.50
European	64.21	68.16†	+0.57	2.03
Nth American	59.45	63.11	+0.91	1.15
UK Growth	73.14	77.64	-0.18	1.52
Intl Growth	87.12	92.48	+0.90	0.56
Charities	103.60	109.90†	-0.30	4.80
Intl Income	63.38	67.28	+0.43	4.50
Japan	41.15	43.68	+0.69	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	197.60	209.80	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	211.30	224.20	+2.50	...
Cash	100.40	100.40	...	6.46
-do- Acc	127.80	127.80†	...	6.46
European Gth	192.00	203.90	+0.80	0.34
-do- Acc	205.50	218.20	+0.70	0.34
General	440.50	469.90	+0.30	2.77
-do- Acc	825.90	881.00	+0.50	2.77
Global Dist	135.90	142.80	+0.80	5.45
-do- Acc	148.90	156.40	+0.70	5.45
Income	133.00	141.80	...	5.13
-do- Acc	191.30	203.90	-0.10	5.13
International	363.80	387.40	+2.60	0.96
-do- Acc	482.60	513.90	+3.40	0.96
Japan	152.70	162.00†	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	156.80	166.30†	+2.70	...
New Europe	128.60	137.20†	+0.20	1.46
-do- Acc	130.60	139.40†	+0.20	1.46
Recovery	272.40	280.60	-0.50	2.42
-do- Acc	340.40	363.10	-0.60	2.42
European Inc	73.56	78.00†	-0.49	3.01
-do- Acc	93.32	99.03†	-0.62	3.01
Brit Blue Chip	68.95	73.44	+0.08	3.75
-do- Acc	80.73	85.99	+0.09	3.75
Portfolio	71.29	75.83	+0.15	3.16
-do- Acc	79.88	84.96	+0.17	3.16
Gold General	62.40	66.56	+3.68	3.65
-do- Acc	63.25	67.47	+3.73	3.65
Pacific	84.38	90.01	+0.90	0.55
-do- Acc	89.19	95.14	+0.95	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	48.31	51.54	-0.15	1.11
-do- Acc	53.72	57.31	-0.16	1.11
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 280. Enquiries: 0742 529 876				
Balanced Dist	56.22	60.13	+0.23	3.71
-do- Acc	56.22	60.13	+0.23	3.71
British Dist	76.09	81.38	+0.43	2.44
-do- Acc	84.05	89.89	+0.47	2.44
European Gth	165.20	176.40	...	0.35
-do- Acc	207.30	221.40	...	0.35
Extra High Inc	66.27	70.88†	+0.11	6.81
-do- Acc	115.20	123.20	+0.20	6.81
FT-SE 100 Index	46.75	50.00	...	...
-do- Acc	46.75	50.00	...	...
Gilt Fixed Int	55.93	58.28	+0.07	7.12
-do- Acc	145.20	151.30	+0.20	7.12
High Yield	208.80	223.30	+0.40	5.30
-do- Acc	479.10	512.40	+0.90	5.30
Income	264.20	282.60†	+0.80	4.16
-do- Acc	548.90	587.10	+1.70	4.16
Japan Gth	274.50	293.60	+5.00	...
-do- Acc	289.70	309.80	+5.20	...
Mandarin Acc	90.06	96.33	+1.52	1.30
North American	172.10	184.10	+2.20	0.71
-do- Acc	216.30	231.30	+2.60	0.71
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	262.40	279.10†	+3.30	0.46
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.03†	+0.01	4.63
Deposit Acc	121.25	121.25†	+0.01	4.63
Euro Gth Acc	249.90	266.90†	+0.80	...
Europa	115.10	123.80†	+0.50	...
Intl Gth	159.40	170.20	+0.90	...
Japan Tracker	60.60	64.20	+1.15	...
UK Equity Inc	137.80	148.30	-0.20	5.29
-do- Acc	165.90	178.60	-0.20	5.29
UK Ind Tracker	136.40	146.10†	+0.10	3.62
US Eq Ind Trkr	200.40	212.40	+3.00	1.24
-do- Acc	210.80	223.90	+2.10	1.24
Asian Tracker	139.30	151.10	+1.90	1.02
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	178.80	182.90†	+1.20	2.55
European	59.98	61.33	+0.16	1.25
Olympiad	52.67	53.99†	+0.47	0.75
Global Bond	47.28	47.81†	+0.18	7.07
Smaller Cos	58.66	61.25	+0.42	2.04
Equity Income	89.05	91.54	-0.06	4.90
UK Growth	80.69	83.15	+0.09	1.64
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372322. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	49.61	52.91	+0.50	0.72
Australian Acc	281.90	302.40	+6.80	...
Conscience	61.25	65.36	+0.04	1.71
-do- Acc	65.77	70.19	+0.06	1.71
European	166.90	178	+0.70	1.21
-do- Acc	178.10	189.90	+0.70	1.21
Extra Income	69.69	74.37	-0.06	5.74
-do- Acc	104.70	111.70	-0.10	5.74
Far East Gth	142.10	151.80	+2.30	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.57	59.88	+0.04	7.70
Gold	28.92	31.09	+1.45	...
-do- Acc	31.14	33.48	+1.53	...
Income	50.23	53.57	+0.71	4.39
-do- Acc	150.60	160.60	+2.10	4.39
International	28.50	30.57	+0.30	0.88
-do- Acc	40.95	43.93	+0.43	0.88
Jap Sm Cos Acc	256.50	273.60	+5.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	150.90	161.80	+2.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.30	25.08	-0.03	2.08
Special Sits	31.01	33.34	+0.21	1.83
-do- Acc	35.39	38.05	+0.24	1.83
Tokyo	67.59	72.09	+1.27	...
-do- Acc	68.27	72.82	+1.28	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	64.67	69.02	+0.24	3.02
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.65	77.94	...	6.92
N&P Higher Inc	174.90	185.60†	+0.20	5.15
N&P UK Income	95.26	101.89	+0.30	4.25
N&P Intl	83.48	89.77	+0.70	2.21
N&P Smaller Cos	69.53	74.37	+0.40	1.89
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	155.22	165.13	+1.05	2.53
Global	264.31	281.19	+1.95	0.82
Growth	100.06	106.45	+0.40	2.90
Income	190.39	202.55†	+1.07	4.30
Intl Bond	127.41	135.55	+1.45	8.30
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	133.50	140.50	+0.30	2.86
-do- Acc	231.20	243.30	+0.60	2.86
Income	209.10	222.10	+0.10	3.92
Intl Equity	208.80	222.10	+1.80	1.16
-do- Acc	228.60	243.10	+1.90	1.16
Equity	208.60	221.90	+0.33	2.71
-do- Acc	422.80	449.80	+0.30	2.71
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.84	70.04	+0.19	2.18
UK Income	56.77	60.39†	-0.05	3.49
UK Smllr Co Acc	65.56	69.63	+0.10	1.85
New Europe Acc	60.94	64.82	+0.22	1.67
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	83.05	88.83	+1.30	0.34
PEP Gth Inc	93.98	100.52	+0.76	1.24
Intl Gth	444.94	475.88	+4.15	1.36
Income	273.03	292.02	+1.00	4.23
W wide Recov	275.66	294.83	+1.82	0.98
American Gth	206.79	221.17	+3.05	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	170.46	182.32	+1.59	0.24
Far East Gth	174.56	186.70	+2.72	0.36
European Gth	108.75	116.32	+1.30	1.21
UK Growth	68.91	73.71	-0.04	3.17
High Income	74.64	79.83	+0.16	5.13
Japanese Gth	163.04	173.75	+3.04	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	168.40	179.20	+1.30	0.79
High Income	104.10	110.70	+1.50	3.90
Conv Gilt	109.10	116.10	+0.40	6.61
Far East	294.60	313.40	+10.40	0.12
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.28	55.62	+0.75	0.53
Emerging Mkts	58.65	62.39	+0.99	0.23
General	46.07	49.01	+0.20	3.49
International	81.96	87.19	+1.24	1.31
Gilt Units	24.95	25.72†	-0.02	8.27
Global PEP	34.25	36.89	+0.38	2.11
Income Gth	60.59	64.46†	+0.06	5.46
European	42.98	45.72	+0.23	1.16
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.22	26.83	-0.08	8.21
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.81	30.81	+0.21	1.82
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.84	100.84†	+0.01	5.51
-do- Acc	103.89	103.89†	+0.01	5.51
Pru Equity	637.76	682.09	+3.47	2.74
Pru Equity Inc	77.10	82.45†	+0.52	4.40
Pru European	168.64	180.36	+0.54	1.87
Pru Global Gth	75.06	80.27†	+0.63	1.60
Pru High Inc	84.00	89.83	+0.51	5.45
Pru Intl	149.81	160.22†	+1.93	1.35
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.23	68.69	+0.89	0.94
Pru Japanese	146.37	156.54	+2.78	...
Pru Nth Amer	148.25	158.55	+2.13	0.44
Pru Pacific Mkt	69.05	73.85†	+0.55	1.90
Pru Prems Inc	48.76	50.77†	+0.06	7.54
Pru Smllr Cos	77.56	82.95	-0.07	2.53
Pru Spec Sits	94.28	100.83†	+0.51	2.64
Pru UK Growth	105.54	112.87†	+0.44	2.57
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	149.11	160.52	-0.13	3.76
Japan	219.61	235.16	-3.55	...
Major UK Cos	90.29	97.14	...	2.99
America Income	480.69	514.81	+4.35	0.56
-do- Acc	558.32	597.95	+5.05	0.56
Smllr UK Cos	244.73	260.66	+0.25	1.80
Smllr European	245.42	261.77	+1.87	1.56
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.83	78.54	+0.67	3.73
Capital Units	136.70	145.40	+0.40	1.60
Commodity	97.94	104.10	+2.10	1.28
European Gth	148.20	157.60	+0.90	1.47
Financial Sec	160.90	171.10	-0.20	2.07
High Return	204.30	217.30†	-0.30	5.00
High Yield	199.00	211.70	+0.20	4.32
Income Units	104.90	111.50†	+0.10	5.74
Investment	163.70	174.10	+0.10	1.70
Japan Gth	114.90	121.80	+2.00	...
Japan Smaller	156.20	166.10	+2.60	...
Masterfund	44.14	46.95	-0.30	1.24
Scotbits	235.00	250.00†	-0.30	2.21
Scotshares	243.00	258.50	-0.30	3.03
Scotyields	215.90	229.60	-1.00	4.38
Select Intl	123.90	131.80	+1.10	0.70
Smaller Cos	205.50	218.60	-0.80	4.76
Special Situation	103.30	109.80	-0.40	0.87
UK Equity	212.20	225.70†	-0.70	2.86
US Growth	145.60	154.80	+1.40	0.29
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 548				
American	252.28	269.09	+2.57	0.67
-do- Acc	272.54	290.71	+2.78	0.67
Australian	125.66	134.03†	+3.69	0.26
-do- Acc	147.34	157.05	+4.33	0.26
UK Enterprise	192.01	204.81†	+0.04	3.18
-do- Acc	221.79	236.57	+0.04	3.18
European Gth	60.95	65.01†	+0.23	1.34
-do- Acc	63.10	67.30	+0.24	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	54.83	58.47†	+0.21	0.70
-do- Acc	55.20	58.86	+0.21	0.70
Far Eastern Gth	63.56	67.79†	+1.06	...
-do- Acc	64.67	68.98	+1.08	...
Fixed Interest	52.34	55.19	+0.04	8.90
-do- Acc	62.70	66.12	+0.06	8.90
Gilt Income	102.72	108.26	+0.06	8.75
-do- Acc	138.88	146.37	+0.08	8.75
Income	290.24	309.58	-0.50	4.64
-do- Acc	840.66	896.71	-1.44	4.64
Japan Enterprise	53.45	57.01	+1.15	...
-do- Acc	53.45	57.01	+1.15	...
Japan Smllr Cos	336.85	359.30†	+7.06	...
-do- Acc	337.52	360.02	+7.08	...
Pacific Gth	80.72	86.10†	+0.95	0.56
-do- Acc	83.24	88.78	+0.97	0.56
Smaller Cos	176.64	188.41†	+0.12	1.33
-do- Acc	202.44	215.93	+0.14	1.33
Tokyo	86.01	91.74	+1.88	...
-do- Acc	86.88	92.67	+1.90	...
UK Equity	194.72	207.70†	-0.02	3.31
-do- Acc	360.58	384.61	-0.04	3.31
US Smllr Cos	131.84	140.62	+1.18	...
-do- Acc	131.84	140.62	+1.18	...
World Fd	66.72	71.16†	+0.29	1.76
-do- Acc	70.41	75.10	+0.31	1.76
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	40.98	43.64	+0.36	4.53
Equity Strategy	60.13	64.04	-1.34	2.10
European Opps	70.37	74.94	-0.22	1.32
Maximum Inc	97.50	100.08	-0.02	5.91
UK Smaller Cos	47.04	50.10	-0.25	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	330.60	353.60	+1.20	3.09
American	257.00	272.70	+3.20	0.91
Pacific	286.90	306.40	+5.20	0.91
European	440.00	470.60	+1.80	1.31
Worldwide	75.46	80.71	+0.59	1.49
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	294.20	313.00	+0.90	2.96
UK Sm Cos Eqty	189.40	201.50	-0.30	3.18
European	322.70	343.30	+1.50	3.21
North American	260.30	277.00	+3.40	0.57
Income Plus Inc	61.71	65.65	+0.18	3.62
UK Spec Sits	63.80	67.88	-0.02	2.64
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.25	25.96	-0.03	3.27
Intl Growth Acc	27.10	29.01	-0.34	1.06
Global Inc Acc	30.16	32.28	+0.19	3.91
Market Ldrs Acc	24.57	26.30	-0.08	3.33
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	85.73	91.68	+1.25	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.20	44.95	-0.13	...
-do- Acc	44.68	47.60	-0.13	...
Far East Opps	29.22	31.47	+0.28	...
-do- Acc	30.02	32.33	+0.29	...
General Growth	95.72	102.60†	...	...
Global Tech	124.00	133.80	+2.10	...
Income Growth	95.77	103.00†	-0.20	4.01
Income Monthly	55.31	59.15	+0.03	5.31
Japan Growth	66.29	70.48	+1.22	...
Overseas Gth	73.05	77.75	+0.88	...
Smaller Cos	68.02	73.13	+0.06	1.94
Special Opps	93.71	100.70†	+1.79	2.09
Wld Spec Sits	43.79	47.14†	+0.23	...
-do- Acc	43.99	47.25†	+0.23	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.18	44.82	-0.10	1.84
Equity Gth Acc	56.59	60.13	-0.40	1.20
UK Eq General	40.69	43.24	-0.20	[illegible]
-do- Acc	53.39	56.73	-0.30	[illegible]
European Acc	40.53	43.07	...	1.43
Far East Acc	47.28	50.24	+0.10	[illegible]
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.85	31.57	...	[illegible]
N American Acc	46.07	48.95	+0.10	0.55
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	258.60	280.60	+0.60	[illegible]
UK Eq High Inc	33.70	35.91	-0.20	[illegible]
-do- Acc	39.58	42.06	-0.20	[illegible]
UK Lgr Cos Inc	278.80	302.60	-1.50	[illegible]
UK Lgr Cos Acc	358.70	389.20	-1.40	[illegible]
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$253.37	N$253.57		1.10
US Eq	$2.052	$2.179	...	0.85
Far East Eq	Y199.4	Y211.7	...	...
Japan Eq	Y198.8	Y211.2	...	...
FT Europe	112.10	119.00	...	1.63
FT North Am	$1.726	$1.833	...	0.80
FT Japan	Y197.0	Y208.5	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	108.70	115.40	...	1.20
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	361.70	384.00	-3.40	0.25
British	903.40	955.80	-1.60	[illegible]
European	364.60	388.30	+2.80	1.04
Japan	121.30	129.10	+2.10	...
New Pacific	282.80	301.20	+4.10	1.38
Mngd Cash	95.85	95.85	...	5.57
Majority Stlg	100.02	101.02	+0.01	5.39
Inv Tst	177.60	188.30	...	2.04
Saints PPP	342.40	360.40	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	699.40	748.00†	+2.10	2.55
N America Acc	120.00	128.30†	+1.40	0.25
Far East Acc	110.90	119.60†	+1.50	0.36
W wide Bond	62.76	66.62	-0.61	5.33
European	79.98	85.54	+0.04	0.67
Equity Income	77.76	83.17	+0.09	4.12
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	35.52	37.99	+0.38	0.74
Managed Assets	114.32	122.27†	+0.46	3.69
UK Income	35.16	37.61	+0.02	3.94
UK Growth	35.09	37.53	+0.11	2.64
Worldwide Gth	29.48	31.53	-0.26	0.56
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	207.57	220.82	-3.11	0.20
-do- Acc	227.94	242.53	-3.41	0.20
British Gth	82.00	87.23	-0.56	2.27
-do- Acc	95.68	101.80	-0.66	2.27
European	90.33	95.98†	+0.05	1.27
-do- Acc	95.17	101.25†	+0.06	1.27
Extra Inc	177.88	189.23	+2.05	4.63
-do- Acc	279.26	297.08	+3.22	4.63
General Unit	250.54	266.53†	+1.19	2.61
-do- Acc	494.37	525.93†	+2.48	2.61
Income	303.44	322.81	+0.52	3.93
-do- Acc	618.07	657.52	+1.07	3.93
International	477.54	508.02	+0.64	0.63
-do- Acc	624.22	664.06	+0.84	0.63
Pacific	309.37	329.12	+1.18	...
-do- Acc	324.03	344.66	+1.24	...
Premier Income	49.51	51.57†	-0.02	7.50
-do- Acc	101.67	105.91†	+0.05	7.50
Nat Resources	92.72	98.64	+3.80	...
-do- Acc	101.68	108.17	+4.17	...
Selected Opps	88.27	93.91	+0.11	1.36
-do- Acc	110.23	117.26	+0.13	1.36
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	130.80	139.50	+1.50	0.22
Australia	6.902	7.400†	+0.120	1.08
Equity	174.70	186.90	+0.40	5.48
Euro Spec Sits	140.80	149.60	+0.30	0.58
Financial	37.39	40.02	+0.27	3.03
Global Opps Inc	87.92	93.85	+0.89	2.15
-do- Acc	91.13	97.28	+0.92	2.15
Gold Gen Inc	41.22	44.10	+1.60	1.00
-do- Acc	78.65	84.20	+3.10	1.00
Income	113.40	121.50	+0.20	5.08
Japan General	125.10	133.00	+2.30	...
Preference	21.49	23.10†	...	7.85
UK Capital	98.06	105.00†	+0.50	3.21
Worldwide Cap	191.60	204.60†	+0.90	3.14
World Income	81.60	86.96†	+0.69	3.50
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	74.78	79.76	+2.48	...
-do- Acc	77.13	82.27	+2.57	...
Cash	51.26	51.26	...	6.25
-do- Acc	61.01	61.01	+0.01	6.25
European Opps	61.05	65.06	+0.38	0.45
-do- Acc	61.68	65.73	+0.37	0.45
Far East Opps	136.88	146.00	+2.03	0.66
-do- Acc	140.06	149.39	+2.07	0.66
Gold/Nat. Res	37.10	39.57	+1.36	...
-do- Acc	38.16	40.70	+1.40	...
Japan	64.49	68.76	+1.16	...
-do- Acc	64.49	68.76	+1.16	...
Little Dragons	64.65	68.96	+0.69	0.72
-do- Acc	66.31	70.73	+0.68	0.72
Oriental Income	39.94	42.60	+0.71	3.73
-do- Acc	50.42	53.78	+0.92	3.73
Tiger	204.68	218.32	+2.02	1.21
-do- Acc	214.09	228.36	+2.10	1.21
UK Small Cos	65.83	70.40	-0.16	2.31
-do- Acc	75.47	80.71	-0.18	2.31
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	214.10	228.40	-0.60	4.61
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	10.53	11.20	+0.46	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.35	31.23	+0.46	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.99	40.41	+0.57	0.10
Global Bond	$0.944	$0.984	-0.001	7.25
Penny Share	21.07	22.41	-0.16	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.13	52.13†	+0.01	6.29
Gilt Growth	64.67	67.31	+0.17	...
Gilt Income	51.92	54.02	+0.15	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.40	110.80	+0.20	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.707	$0.717	-0.000	...
Challenger	93.66	95.87	+0.66	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	64.62	68.74	-0.01	2.20

Source: *Finstat*

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	2,300	Coats Vyla	813	Legal & Gn	2,000	Scot & New	5,000
Alld-Lyons	3,200	Cm Union	2,500	Lloyds Bk	5,500	Scot Power	3,300
Anglian W	2,100	Courtaulds	1,200	MB Cardn	2,700	Sears	4,800
Argyll Gp	4,400	De La Rue	820	Marks Spr	6,400	Svrn Trent	3,000
Arjo Wig	1,500	Eng China	823	NFC	541	Shell Trans	1,300
AB Foods	643	Enterpr Oil	1,600	NatWst Bk	3,100	Siebe	1,700
BAA	2,300	Fisons	3,300	Nat Power	5,100	SmKl Bch	4,700
BAT Inds	1,600	Forte	7,700	Nth Wst W	664	Smith Nph	1,800
BOC	2,500	GRE	4,900	Nthn Fds	2,200	Smith (WH)	790
BP	20,000	GUS A	750	P & O	3,700	Sthern Elec	1,000
BT	9,000	Gen Acc	955	Pearson	840	Std Chartd	1,200
BTR	3,500	Gen Elec	4,700	PowerGen	5,700	Sun Allnce	3,500
Bk of Scot	1,100	Glaxo	10,000	Prudential	5,100	TI Gp	3,100
Barclays	2,400	Granada	4,300	RTZ	1,100	TSB	10,000
Bass	2,500	Grand Met	2,200	Rank Org	816	Tate & Lyle	813
Blue Circle	2,500	Guinness	2,600	Reckitt Col	2,500	Tesco	9,700
Boots	2,300	HSBC	1,900	Redland	838	Thames W	1,400
Bowater	559	Hanson	7,700	Reed Intl	784	Thrn EMI	1,800
Brit Airwys	6,400	ICI	1,200	Rentokil	1,000	Tomkins	3,900
Brit Gas	6,300	Inchcape	1,900	Reuters	2,200	Unilever	1,000
Brit Steel	15,000	Kingfisher	1,200	Rothmans	576	Utd Bisc	1,700
Burmah C	235	Kwik Save	721	Ryl Ins	5,800	Vodafone	5,300
Cable Wire	1,700	LASMO	7,300	Ryl Bk Scot	3,000	Wellcome	2,200
Cadbury	2,900	Ladbroke	3,100	Sainsbury	3,300	Whitbd 'A'	1,800
Carlton C	557	Land Secs	598	Scot Hydro	1,600	Wlms Hld	874

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3433.76 (+21.34)
S&P Composite .... 448.26 (+2.03)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 5857.00 (+21.45)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 98.5 (+0.6)

Sydney: AO .... 1599.1 (+8.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1651.05 (+1.24)

FT 30 share: .... 2186.0 (+11.3)

Brussels:
General .... 5973.31 (+4.41)

Paris: CAC .... 501.33 (+2.04)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 476.1 (+2.4)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1381.00 (+6.92)
FT 500 .... 1520.88 (+7.72)
FT Gold Mines .... 98.6 (+8.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 110.56 (-0.09)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.85 (-0.21)
Bargains 33737
SEAQ Volume 889.4m
USM (Datastrm) .... 129.50 (+1.02)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 8	February 19	May 20	June 1

Call options were taken out on 11/2/93: Aran Energy, ASDA, Cullens, Downiebrae, Emess, Enterprise Comp, Expamet Intl, London Fin & Inv, Motor World, Norbain, Ossory Estates, OMI Intl, P&P, A Proudfoot, Queens Moat, Smith & Nephew, Tadpole. Put: Tay Homes. Puts & Calls: Cannon St, Emess, P&P, Tadpole.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2835.0	2843.0	2820.0	2829.0	9974
Previous open interest: 57161	Jun 93	2839.0	2851.0	2839.0	2841.5	250
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	94.17	94.17	94.04	94.09	15231
Previous open interest: 299157	Jun 93	94.61	94.63	94.49	94.56	10097
	Sep 93	94.72	94.73	94.65	94.67	2935
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.65	96.66	96.64	96.66	132
Previous open interest: 21423	Jun 93	96.44	96.46	96.43	96.46	202
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	91.96	92.05	91.95	92.02	34833
Previous open interest: 463304	Jun 93	92.87	92.96	92.87	92.96	31554
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	107-09	107-09	107-01	107-03	26
Previous open interest: 695	Jun 93				105-27	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	101-16	101-19	100-27	100-30	43327
Previous open interest: 63620	Jun 93	102-20	102-20	101-30	102-02	382
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	110.18	110.28	110.18	110.30	381
	Jun 93	109.50	109.75	109.49	109.70	1362
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.31	93.48	93.28	93.46	34857
Previous open interest: 150600	Jun 93	93.52	93.66	93.52	93.63	988
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.66	90.74	90.66	90.70	873
Previous open interest: 15948	Jun 93	91.66	91.71	91.62	91.66	620
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.67	94.70	94.62	94.68	4384
Previous open interest: 47426	Jun 93	95.09	95.16	95.09	95.16	1976
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	95.95	96.34	95.25	95.60	31631
Previous open interest: 35490	Jun 93	96.05	96.10	95.15	95.50	58

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 76.0 (day's range 76.0-76.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6429-2.6533	2.6431-2.6465	½-¼ds	1¼-1¼ds
Brussels	48.43-48.69	48.45-48.55	15-20ds	41-50ds
Copenhagen	9.0010-9.0480	9.0040-9.0320	10½-16½ds	28¼-35½ds
Dublin	0.9645-0.9680	0.9649-0.9670	61-74ds	192-224ds
Frankfurt	2.3480-2.3588	2.3524-2.3556	½-¼ds	1¼-1½ds
Lisbon	212.76-214.34	213.90-214.34	112-123ds	367-392ds
Madrid	167.18-168.01	168.18-168.01	86-101ds	282-300ds
Milan	2179.40-2201.80	2179.40-2188.10	8-10ds	28-31ds
Montreal	1.7788-1.7968	1.7788-1.7809	0.09-0.01pr	0.11-0.02pr
New York	1.4175-1.4215	1.4180-1.4190	0.34-0.33pr	1.00-0.98pr
Oslo	9.9650-10.0160	9.9680-9.9900	1¼-2¼ds	6½-8½ds
Paris	7.9420-7.9820	7.9690-7.9820	3½-3½ds	10½-11½ds
Stockholm	10.5880-10.6500	10.5920-10.6150	2-3½ds	7¼-9½ds
Tokyo	169.88-172.62	170.01-170.21	1½-¾pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	16.51-16.59	16.51-16.56	1½-2¼ds	6½-8½ds
Zurich	2.1737-2.1866	2.1737-2.1768	1¼pr-par	¾-½pr

Sources: Extel. *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4159-1.4184
Australia dollar	2.1037-2.1068
Bahrain dinar	0.529-0.541
Brazil cruzeiro *	25416.3-25416.6
Cyprus pound	0.695-0.705
Finland marka	8.372-8.488
Greece drachma	311.25-318.25
Hong Kong dollar	10.981-10.991
India rupee	42.67-43.63
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4345-0.4445
Malaysia ringgit	3.7346-3.7401
Mexico peso	4.37-4.47
New Zealand dollar	2.7626-2.7700
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2595-5.3855
Singapore dollar	2.3405-2.3437
S Africa rand (fin)	6.38-6.53
S Africa rand (com)	4.4362-4.4422
U A E dirham	5.1505-5.2745

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4814-1.4825
Austria	11.65-11.67
Belgium (Com)	34.17-34.21
Canada	1.2593-1.2598
Denmark	6.350-6.365
France	5.6035-5.6085
Germany	1.6565-1.6575
Hong Kong	7.7335-7.7345
Ireland	1.4075-1.4695
Italy	1540.0-1545.0
Japan	119.80-119.85
Malaysia	2.630-2.632
Netherlands	1.8645-1.8655
Norway	7.03-7.04
Portugal	150.1-150.3
Singapore	1.6483-1.6493
Spain	117.5-118.0
Sweden	7.47-7.48
Switzerland	1.5345-1.5355

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 4¼ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⁹⁄₁₆-5¹⁷⁄₃₂	5½-5⅜	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5⅝
	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5⅝
Overnight: open 5¾ close 6.					
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6¹⁄₃₂	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-5⁷⁄₈	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.12-3.08	3.28-3.25	3.58-3.55
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 29, 1993 Agreed rates Feb 24, 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32 %. Schemes II & III: 8.20 %. Reference rate Jan 1, 1993 to Jan 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 7.0 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅝-8⅜	8⅝-8½	8⅝-8⅜	8⅛-8⅛	8⅝-7⅞
French Franc:	12½-12⅛	12½-12⅛	12-11⅞	12-11⅞	12½-10⅞
Swiss Franc:	5⅝-5⅜	5⅝-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⅜	5⅝-5⅜	5⅝-1⅜
Yen:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $331.20-331.60 Close: $331.55-332.05 High: $333.75-334.25 Low: $331.00-331.50 **Krugerrand:** $330.00-333.00 (£232.75-234.75)
Sovereigns: Old $79.00-82.00 (£54.00-56.00) New $79.00-82.00 (£54.00-56.00)
Platinum: $370.50 (£261.10) **Silver:** $3.77 (£2.655) **Palladium:** $119.00 (£83.85)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon..	550	51	63	72	8½	22	27
(*535)	600	21	35	46	30	47	53
ASDA....	57	6½	11	11	5	7	9
(*55½)	67	3	6	6½	11	14	15
Bass ...	600	25	41	54	26	41	47
(*559½)	650	8	22	33	62	72	77
Boots ...	460	38	45	56	7½	19	24
(*479)	500	15	25	35	26	40	44
Br Airways	280	23	30	35	11	23	27
(*288)	300	13	20	26	22	34	38
BP ...	240	38	43	46	3	7½	11
(*277)	260	23	30	34	6½	14	18
	280	11	20	24	17	24	27
Br Steel ...	70	10½	14	16	4½	6½	9
(*77½)	80	6	9	12½	8½	12	15
C & W ...	700	40	65	77	16	34	43
(*717½)	750	20	39	52	43	62	70
CU ...	550	27	40	47	22	31	41
(*597)	600	6½	21	27	57	63	70
Courtauld	550	52	60	72	13	26	31
(*579½)	600	19	35	46	34	52	57
GKN ...	420	37	45	50	12	21	26
(*448)	460	12	24	32	35	42	48
Grnd Met.	420	36	49	55	11	21	27
(*437½)	460	14	29	38	32	41	48
ICI ...	1100	70	93	110	40	54	87
(*1155½)	1150	42	69	85	65	92	110
	1200	19	50	65	107	120	140
Kingfishr..	500	37	47	55	14	30	37
(*513½)	550	14	25	33	43	59	65
Ladbroke ..	180	20	31	37	10	17	22
(*194)	200	13	22	28	21	27	34
Land Sec...	460	39	45	47	6½	22	25
(*485)	500	14	22	26	26	46	48
M & S...	300	34	39	45	4	9	13
(*323½)	330	13	22	27	13	21	25
Sainsbury..	500	34	44	52	12	24	30
(*513)	550	12	21	29	39	53	59
Shell ...	550	48	57	65	7½	14	22
(*596)	600	14	29	36	30	37	43
Smkl Bch..	420	51	65	74	6½	14	18
(*464)	460	24	41	50	21	30	34
Storehse..	180	18	26	29	9	16	19
(*184½)	200	7	16	21	22	28	31
Trafalgar..	80	6½	11	14	7½	11	13
(*76½)	90	3½	7	11	14	18	20
Unilever ..	1100	68	85	106	20	35	42
(*1147½)	1150	33	56	76	43	58	66
Utd Bisc...	330	35	38	44	7	14	15
(*349)	360	14	22	28	22	29	32

February 11, 1993 Tot: 29005 Calls: 17074 Puts: 11031 FT-SE Calls: 2547 Puts: 1095
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA ...	750	29	53	64	6	20	34
(*768½)	800	5	27	39	32	46	59
BAT Ind...	950	30	48	65	9	42	54
(*962½)	1000	7	26	45	38	74	83
BTR ...	550	9	21	31	9	27	33
(*546)	600	1½	6½	15	52	65	68
Br Aero...	260	13	34	45	12	34	44
(*262½)	280	5	25	39	25	48	56
Br Telcm...	390	24	35	40	2	8	14
(*411½)	420	4	16½	23	13	19	30
Cadbury...	460	17	26	37	5	20	26
(*473½)	500	2½	11	21	32	46	50
Guinness...	460	14	29	41	8	27	32
(*462)	500	1½	14	24	40	54	57
GEC ...	280	18	26	30	1½	6½	13
(*288)	300	4½	14	17½	9	14½	23
Hanson...	240	20	23	25½	1	5½	9
(*257½)	260	4½	11	15½	5½	13	18½
LASMO...	160	9	18	25	5	15	19
(*163½)	180	2½	10	17	18	22	32
Lucas...	130	13	20	24	2½	9½	16
(*139½)	140	6	14	19	6	15	18
P & O ...	550	15	32	45	20	44	60
(*549½)	600	3½	15	25	62	85	92
Pilkingtn...	100	11	18	22	4½	9	13
(*109)	110	5½	13	17	7	15	21
Prudential	300	13	19	24	4	16	20
(*305)	330	1½	7	12	25	36	39
RTZ ...	650	19	36	51	11	38	45
(*656½)	700	4	17	31	45	69	77
Scot New..	420	20	34	45	4	14	24
(*432)	460	4	15	24	30	33	47
Tesco ...	220	16	24	29	2	9	13
(*230)	240	4	13	18	10	20	24
Thames W	500	13	30	34	5½	16	29
(*507½)	550	1½	9½	14	45	48	62
Vodafone..	390	8	24	33	13	26	34
(*304½)	420	2	13	21	30	45	53

FT-SE INDEX (*2831½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Feb	139	89	48½	16	4½	1½
Mar	151	112	73	47	27	14
Apr	184	117	95	68	46	29
May	171	139	108	83	60	44
Jun	195	—	132	—	82	—
Puts						
Feb	3	5	14	38	80	145
Mar	15	27	42	64	96	150
Apr	29	42	60	79	123	160
May	42	63	78	108	139	174
Jun	58	—	98	—	148	—

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat..	330	33	38	44	5½	12	17
(*355)	360	13	21	28	19	26	31
Amstrad...	20	5	5½	6	1	1	2
(*23)	25	2	3	4	4	4½	5
Barclays ...	390	35	42	47	13	22	33
(*414)	420	16	25	32	29	36	50
Blue Circ...	200	24	29	34	6	16	22
(*213½)	220	13	17	25	14	28	33
Br Gas ...	260	33	36	37	2	5½	8
(*286)	280	16	20½	24	5	12½	15
	300	6	10	15	15	25	27
Dixons...	200	28	36	39	4½	10	16
(*219½)	220	15	24	28	12	18	25
Eurotnnl...	420	50	68	81	12	25	36
(*466)	460	31	45	60	30	44	58
Forte ...	180	19	23	28	7	14	18
(*188½)	200	8	13	20	17	29	30
Glaxo ...	600	98	115	135	5	16	24
(*695)	650	54	90	100	15	31	42
	700	26	54	74	38	56	65
HSBC ...	550	43	56	69	12	31	40
(*579)	600	17	31	45	35	56	65
Hillsdwn...	140	12	18	22	6	15	21
(*144½)	160	5	10	14	20	30	33
Lonrho...	70	13	16½	19	3	5½	9
(*82)	80	6½	11	14	7	10½	14
Reuter ...	1300	70	105	130	34	59	79
(*1340½)	1350	40	77	108	58	85	107
R-Royce...	120	7½	12	16	8½	12	14½
(*123)	130	4	8	12	15	18	21
Sears ...	100	5½	10	12	5	9½	11
(*98)	110	2½	5½	8	13	16	18
Thrn Emi	850	39	61	73	21	31	51
(*860)	900	15	36	47	47	57	80
TSB ...	160	17	23	26	6	11	14
(*172)	180	9	14	16	17	21	25
Vaal Reefs..	40	4½	5	5½	4	5½	7
(*40)	45	1½	3½	4	5	9	10
Wellcome..	850	79	102	129	11	32	47
(*910½)	900	43	72	99	29	52	68

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons ...	240	24	35	43	19	31	38
(*242½)	260	16	26	35	31	45	52

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastn Elc	400	44	53	-	1½	7	-
(*437½)	430	15	-	-	5	-	-

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr...	250	32	40	44	3½	7½	14
(*304)	300	16	27	31	8½	15	22
Scot Pwr...	220	11	17	21	5	10	17
(*224)	240	2½	8	13	19	21	29

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Cocoa futures finished with losses of three to five sterling on key positions with chart-based selling emerging after the recent upward move stalled. Robusta coffee futures finished with sharp gains as the market remained very volatile. Old crop wheat again remained featureless but found continuous long liquidating on the March position as traders closed positions prior to first day tenders.

LONDON FOX

COCOA
Mar 720-719 May 813-811
May 731-730 Jul 828 SLR
Jul 744-742 Sep 843 SLR
Sep 758 SLR Dec 865 SLR
Dec 777 SLR
Mar 798-797 Volume: 3885

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Mar 937-936 Nov 928-920
May 938-936 Jan 943-930
Jul 916-915 Mar 958-940
Sep 920-918 Volume: 6603

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow Oct 202.0-97.0
Spot: 185.0 Dec 196.0-92.0
Mar 188.0-87.2 Mar 197.0-93.0
May 203.0-00.0 May 198.0-97.0
Aug 206.0-04.0 Volume: 10

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Oct 249.0-47.0
Spot: 261.0 Dec 248.0-45.0
Mar 261.0-60.2 Mar 248.0-43.5
May 260.0-59.5 May 250.6-45.0
Aug 262.8-61.9 Volume: 611

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	84.19	101.18	123.15
(+/-)	+2.67	-4.49	+0.11
Eng/Wales	84.17	100.97	123.24
(+/-)	+2.63	-4.45	+0.28
(%)	-2.2	-39.0	-24.2
Scotland	88.75	102.24	122.22
(+/-)	+8.69	-5.00	-1.08
(%)	-63.8	-58.2	-71.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£kg)
Open Close Open Close
Mar unq unq Jul 102.0 102.0
Jun 106.0 106.0 Volume: 3

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Mar 141.95
May 143.20
Jun 144.10
Sep 110.15
Nov 112.30
Volume: 336

BARLEY (close £/t)
Mar 138.30
May 139.50
Sep 107.75
Nov 110.90
Jan 114.50
Volume: 67

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Feb unq
Apr 156.50
Jun 147.30
Aug 148.50
Oct unq
Volume: 100

POTATO (£/t) Open Close
Apr 43.0 41.6
May 44.5 43.8
Apr unq 87.5
Volume: 207

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kilo)
Mar 70.00-69.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A Large overhang of unsold wet North Sea crude edged prices lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.40	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	18.50	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.40	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	20.25	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.25	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT) Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	194 (n/c)	196 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	173 (-1)	174 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	173 (-2)	174 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	173 (-1)	174 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (n/c)	70 (-1)
Naphtha	177 (-1)	179 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES GNI Ltd

GAS OIL
Feb n/a May 170.25-70.75
Mar 170.50-70.75 Jun 169.75-70.25
Apr 170.50-70.75 Jul 171.25-71.50
Vol: 13022

BRENT (6.00pm)
Mar 18.37-18.39 Jun 18.55-18.57
Apr 18.46-18.47 Jul 18.62 SLR
May 18.51-18.53 Vol: 21725

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Feb n/a May 200.00-01.00
Mar 191.75-92.00 Jun n/a
Apr 197.00-98.00 Vol: 863

BIFFEX GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1350	1349	1350
Mar 93	1362	1355	1362
Apr 93	1355	1343	1350
Jul 93	1190	1189	1192

Vol: 173 lots. Open int'st: 2765 Index 1317 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1561.0-1561.5	1583.0-1583.5	846800
Lead (£/tonne)	291.50-291.75	301.00-301.25	65350
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1075.5-1076.0	1095.0-1095.5	271075
Tin ($/tonne)	5850.0-5851.0	5905.0-5910.0	9220
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1214.5-1215.0	1234.5-1235.0	945200
Nickel ($/tonne)	6010.0-6020.0	6075.0-6085.0	56310

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Eastern European economies show signs of expansion

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

■ Growth in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia has surprised economists but countries of the former Soviet Union face the threat of hyperinflation

A STRONG trade performance, slowing inflation and a fast-expanding private sector appear to have set the economies of eastern and central Europe on course for real growth this year after years of decline, according to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

But states emerging from the old Soviet Union face deepening economic problems as trade continues to contract, reflecting falling output, the collapse of intra-republican commerce and payment difficulties arising from the use of the rouble, the EBRD's annual review said. It showed output slumping 20 per cent in real terms last year after a 10 per cent fall in 1991.

Jacques Attali, the EBRD president, told a press conference that the lack of monetary control had left the rouble zone economies "on the brink of hyperinflation". Monthly rouble inflation in January reached 50 per cent.

The EBRD questioned the value of trying to keep the rouble zone intact, especially since the former advantages of cheap, rouble-priced energy, are being phased out. The bank noted that Ukraine, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia had already quit the rouble zone. The introduction of separate national currencies could improve the prospects for production and liberal trade arrangements, and foster more prudent fiscal policies, the EBRD said.

M Attali said the latest data from eastern and central Europe indicated that growth in industrial output was taking hold in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Quarter-on-quarter expansion reached 3 per cent in the third quarter in Poland, the best performing economy. Exports to the European Community from these three countries grew about 20 per cent.

M Attali said this underlined that the best instrument for expansion in the region was growth and open markets in western Europe. He said high interest rates were "certainly playing a role in the crisis of eastern Europe".

The return of growth in eastern and central Europe is all the more remarkable, given that its adjustment from command economics to the free market system took place at a time of global economic slowdown.

Agricultural output from the region, an important source of exports earnings, is also expected to expand this year after the drought last year.

Despite the disappointment about the rate of progress in the former Soviet Union, M Attali insisted there would be no slowing down in the EBRD's engagement. He said it had already put $500 million into investment projects in Russia and had $10 billion in the pipeline, if all projects were realised.

M Attali said that he hoped an international fund would be set up soon to shut down or make safe the 60 nuclear power plants across the former Soviet bloc. He said estimates put the clean-up bill as high as $10 billion. However, the plan was "very urgent", he said, and was the insurance premium the West had to pay against a significant nuclear accident.



Underlining growth: Jacques Attali, of the EBRD



Hot property: Lord Forte takes tea at London's Waldorf hotel, one of those securing the 25-year debenture issue

Forte shuffles £200m of debt

BY SARAH BAGNALL

FORTE, the hotel and restaurant group, has launched a £200 million debenture issue, secured against 11 properties, to replace short-term borrowings with longer-term debt at an attractive rate of interest.

The issue has a 25-year maturity and offers debenture holders a coupon of 10 per cent, priced to yield 115 basis points over the 8¾ per cent Treasury maturing in 2017.

Donald Main, Forte's finance director, said that, given the large government borrowing requirement and the pent-up demand for equity, he had tapped the market when the opportunity arose. He added that the company might do so again this year.

The properties securing the bond include the Waldorf in London, the Excelsior at Heathrow and the Castle Hotel in Windsor, with a total value of more than £350 million. The issue is underwritten by UBS Phillips & Drew and SG Warburg.

Forte is using the funds to replace existing sterling debt with maturites of between three and five years.

Mr Main said the debt being replaced was a mixture of fixed-rate borrowings, some at interest rates less than the new debenture, and floating-rate borrowings. "There is no major interest cost saving from the refinancing," he added.

Peter Hilliar, a hotels analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroking firm, said the company's average interest cost was 10.5 per cent of borrowings. He estimates that those will be £1.2 billion for year ended January 31. The company is due to announce its results on April 15.

Pre-tax profits of £70 million, including a £7 million loss from its investment in London Pavilion, are forecast, compared with £73 million last year. Analysts also expect a fall of £160 million in the value of Forte's provincial hotels portfolio. This represents a drop of 20p a share.

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Future of Fokker hangs in the balance

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE future of Fokker, the aircraft manufacturer, hung in the balance amid reports that Deutsche Aerospace had given the Dutch economics ministry 48 hours to accept a reduced offer for a controlling stake in the troubled group.

A source close to the negotiations said the new Dasa offer included paying only about 23 guilders (£8.71p) a share for part of the state's 31.8 per cent stake. In October, Dasa, a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz, agreed to pay Fl 37 a share, a total of about DM800 million, for the takeover. Fokker bonds hit junk levels as investors bailed out amid mounting jitters over the Dutch aircraft maker. Fokker's 10 per cent, FL 200 million bond due in 1997 has seen nearly a third of its price wiped out in the past week and was quoted at 65 per cent for a yield of 23 per cent — roughly 16 per cent over Dutch state bonds. One Dutch dealer said: "People are very nervous. Selling has not been huge but there is absolutely no buying. It is a very ill market."

Dasa denied it had formally broken off talks with the Dutch government, saying a new proposal was made on Tuesday "which should bring the takeover of 51 per cent on to an economically viable level". The reaction of the Dutch economics ministry to this offer would be decisive, a spokesman said.

Analysts believe that if a link with Dasa is not secured, the Dutch government may have to inject a minimum of Fl 1 billion to keep Fokker going.

Fokker originally sought Dasa's help to fund development of two new airliners, but as the slump in the airline industry deepened it built huge bank debts just funding a growing stockpile of unsold existing aircraft.

Under the original Dasa terms, Fl 500 million would have been injected into Fokker for new shares, and a further Fl 400 million in subordinated loans, half of which would have been funded by the government.

Any alternative would mean new subordinated debt, because the share price is so weak huge numbers of new shares would be needed for an equity issue, analysts say.

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Court of Appeal

Tax avoidance scheme fails

Moodie v Inland Revenue Commissioners and Another
Sotnick v Same

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches February 11]

A scheme designed to increase a taxpayer's taxable income by exploiting the fiscal treatment of annuities was struck down by the principles set out in *W. T. Ramsay Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ([1982] AC 300), rendering self-cancelling tax avoidance schemes fiscal nullities, notwithstanding that the House of Lords had earlier declared that particular scheme to be effective.

The House of Lords so held in allowing appeals by the Inland Revenue Commissioners and Mr A. M. Edwards, Inspector of Taxes, against the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice McCowan and Sir Christopher Slade) (*The Times* May 2, 1991; [1991] 1 WLR 930) allowing appeals by the taxpayers, Mr O. C. D. Moodie and Mr R. E. Sotnick, from Mr Justice Hoffmann ([1990] 1 WLR 1084), who had upheld special commissioners' findings that claims by Mr Moodie and Mr Sotnick for tax deductions for annuity payments fell outside section 52(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 and were not deductible.

Mr Alan Moses, QC, Mr Launcelot Henderson and Mr Peter Cranfield for the Crown; Mr Michael Burton, QC, Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC and Mr Kevin Prosser for the taxpayers.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the higher the income of the taxpayer, the greater the amount of income tax which he had to pay. Conversely, if a taxpayer reduced his income, he reduced his tax.

In 1971 there were in circulation several tax avoidance schemes which were designed to reduce the taxable income of an individual taxpayer without reducing his actual income. The Cardale Capital Income Plan (marks I and II) was designed to enable a taxpayer to enjoy part of his actual income tax free by exploiting the fiscal treatment of annuities.

With the benefit of the hindsight afforded by the speeches of the House in *Ramsay* it was now plain that Mr Moodie and Mr Sotnick did not pay annuities within the meaning of the taxing statute because the steps taken under the plan were self-cancelling.

The plan was a tax avoidance scheme which had no object or effect save the manufacture for the taxpayer of claims that he had reduced his income. The taxpayer had not reduced his actual income and had not been put to any capital expense save the cost of the scheme.

In 1971, a Mr Plummer had taken advantage of the mark I version. In his case there were manufactured claims that he had reduced his taxable income by some £20,000 and those claims were allowed by the House in *IRC v Plummer* ([1980] AC 896).

In the instant cases the Court of Appeal allowed Mr Moodie's and Mr Sotnick's claims on the ground that the court was bound by the result in *Plummer*. It was quite clear that the facts in *Plummer* were almost exactly the same as, and could not be distinguished from, the facts in the instant cases.

The House had decided *Plummer* on the assumption, accepted by all parties, that payments had been made in implementation of each of the planned ten steps which constituted the scheme. In the light of the submissions made in that case, the failure of the Revenue against Mr Plummer had been inevitable.

In *Ramsay*, however, it was held that schemes manufacturing a tax loss by a pre-arranged series of self-cancelling transactions without the taxpayer suffering any real loss were to be considered as a whole, rather than considering each individual transaction separately, and as such disregarded as artificial and fiscally ineffective. An application of *Ramsay* to *Plummer* would have led to a decision in favour of the Revenue.

Faced with conflicting decisions, the courts were entitled and bound to follow *Ramsay* because in *Plummer* the House had never been asked to consider the effect of a self-cancelling scheme and because the *Ramsay* principle restored justice between individual taxpayers and the general body of taxpayers.

The Cardale Capital Income Plans were struck down by the *Ramsay* principle and the inconsistent decision in *Plummer* had to be ignored. If it had been necessary to invoke *Practice Statement (Judicial Precedent)* ([1966] 1 WLR 1234) that would have been an appropriate course to take, but it was sufficient to state that the decision in *Plummer* would have been different if the appeal had been heard after the enunciation by the House of the *Ramsay* principle.

Lord Keith, Lord Goff, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Inland Revenue; Berwin Leighton.

Confidentiality of conciliation

In re D (Minors) (Conciliation: Privilege)

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment February 11]

Given the public importance of conciliation in matrimonial proceedings concerning children, statements made by either of the parties in the course of meetings held or communications made for the purpose of conciliation could not be disclosed in proceedings under the Children Act 1989, save in the exceptional case that such a statement indicated that the maker had in the past caused, or was likely in the future to cause serious harm to the well-being of a child.

The Court of Appeal so held on the mother's appeal from Miss Beryl Cooper, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, had ruled that a statement prepared by a conciliator based on conciliation meetings in which both parents had participated was inadmissible in proceedings for residence orders under the 1989 Act.

After arriving at its ruling, the court heard argument whether the statement came within the narrow exceptions. The court concluded that it did not and accordingly dismissed the appeal.

Mr James Holman, QC and Miss Katharine Davidson for the mother; Mr Nicholas Francis for the father.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that Mr Holman accepted that statements made in the course of conciliation were *prima facie* entitled to privilege unless both parties chose to waive it.

But he had argued that such privilege derived from that accorded to "without prejudice" communications and was subject to the same exceptions: that the privilege only protected communications made in the course of a *bona fide* attempt to negotiate and could not be claimed by a party making no such attempt; that it did not exclude evidence of threats, that even if an occasion was *prima facie* privileged, exceptionally that privilege might be pierced in the interests of the children concerned or where the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of such communications was outweighed by the public interest in disclosure; and that if the court were to read the conciliator's statement, it would be seen that the contents were admissible.

Mr Francis contended that the privilege was an independent head of privilege. It was absolute, permitting of no exceptions, other than waiver by both parties.

Alternatively, he submitted that evidence could only be given of admissions made by a party that that party had committed a criminal offence against a child, or of statements calling for immediate action to prevent a child being abducted or wrongfully removed from the jurisdiction or subjected to commission of a serious criminal offence.

A substantial line of authority established that where a third party received information in confidence with a view to conciliation, the courts would not compel him to disclose what was said without the parties' agreement.

The court agreed with the observations of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone and of Lord Simon of Glaisdale in *D v NSPCC* ([1978] AC 171, 226, 236) that the privilege had developed into a new category based on the public interest in the stability of marriage. There was no reason why rules developed in relation to "without prejudice" privilege should necessarily apply.

The court did not accept that evidence could be given of statements made by one party at a meeting held for the purposes of conciliation because, in the judgment of the other party or the conciliator, that party had shown no genuine willingness to compromise. To admit of such an exception would reduce the privilege to a misleading shadow.

Even if *Kitcat v Sharp* ((1882) 48 LT 64) were authority for the proposition that a "without prejudice" marking did not protect evidence of a threat as to what would happen if an offer were not accepted, it did not follow that evidence could be given of even credible threats made by parties in the course of attempted conciliation. Where deep human emotions were engaged, as they often were in disputes concerning children, such threats were commonplace.

To override the privilege in such an event would be to emasculate it and so undermine the whole process of conciliation. To permit evidence to be given of a party's statements of fact inconsistent with his or her open position would have the same result.

Unless the parties could speak freely and uninhibitedly, without worries about weakening their position in contested litigation if that became necessary, the conciliation would be doomed to fail.

The court referred to recent developments in conciliation procedures and the increasing importance attached to them in resolving disputes concerning children.

The practice had grown and evolved in various ways over the last decade in court and out of court, voluntary or directed and extended over many parts of the country.

Resolution of disputes over children by parents locked in acrimony and controversy had gradually but perceptibly taken over from efforts to preserve the state of the marriage of the parents.

Conciliation of parental or matrimonial disputes did not form part of the legal process but as a matter of practice was becoming an important and valuable tool in the procedures of many family courts.

That underlined the great importance of the preservation of a cloak over all attempts at settlement of disputes over children. Non-disclosure of the contents of conciliation meetings or correspondence was a thread discernible throughout all in-court and out-of-court conciliation arrangements and proposals.

In the court's judgment, the law was that evidence might not be given in proceedings under the Children Act 1989 of statements made by one or other of the parties in the course of meetings held or communications made for the purpose of conciliation, save in the very unusual case where a statement was made clearly indicating that the maker had in the past caused or was likely in the future to cause serious harm to the well-being of a child.

The court would emphasise:

1 Even in the rare case falling within that narrow exception, the trial judge would still have to exercise a discretion whether or not to admit the evidence. He would do so only if, in his judgment, the public interest in protecting the interests of the child outweighed that in preserving the confidentiality of attempted conciliation.

2 The present judgment was concerned only with privilege properly so called. It had nothing to do with duties of confidence and did not seek to define the circumstances in which a duty of confidence might be superseded by other public-interest considerations.

3 The court had stated the law in terms appropriate to the present case and no other. It was not desirable to attempt any more general statements. If and when cases arose not covered by the present ruling, they would have to be decided in the light of their own special circumstances.

Solicitors: Collyer-Bristow; Rubinstein Callingham Polden & Gale.

Procedure over life sentences

Practice Direction: Imposition of Discretionary Life Sentences

In the exceptional case when a sentencing judge considered that a discretionary life sentence should mean detention for life, such sentence being justified by the seriousness of the offence alone irrespective of any danger to the public, he should so state in open court when passing sentence, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, stated in the Court of Appeal when, sitting with Mr Justice Judge and Mr Justice Hidden, he handed down a practice direction on February 8.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said:

1 Section 34 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 empowered a judge when passing a sentence of life imprisonment, where such a sentence was not fixed by law, to specify by order such part of the sentence ("the relevant part") as should be served before the prisoner could require the secretary of state to refer his case to the parole board.

2 Thus the discretionary life sentence fell into two parts: (a) the relevant part which consisted of the period of detention imposed for punishment and deterrence, taking into account the seriousness of the offence, and (b) the remaining part of the sentence during which the prisoner's detention would be governed by considerations of risk to the public.

3 The judge was not obliged by statute to make use of the provisions of section 34 when passing a discretionary life sentence. However, the judge should do so, save in the very exceptional case where the judge considered that the offence was so serious that detention for life was justified by the seriousness of the offence alone, irrespective of the risk to the public. In such a case, the judge should state that in open court when passing sentence.

4 In cases where the judge was to specify the relevant part of the sentence under section 34, the judge should permit counsel for the defendant to address the court as to the appropriate length of the relevant part. Where no relevant part was to be specified, counsel for the defendant should be permitted to address the court as to the appropriateness of that course of action.

5 In specifying the relevant part of the sentence, the judge should have regard to the specific terms of section 34 and should indicate the reasons for reaching his decision as to the length of the relevant part.

6 Whether or not the court ordered that section 34 should apply, the judge should not, following the imposition of a discretionary life sentence, make a written report to the secretary of state through the Lord Chief Justice as had been the practice in recent years.

Limited power to set aside bankruptcy

In re a Debtor (No 68 of 1992)

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment February 1]

The court had no general discretion, founded on facts at the date of hearing an application to set aside a bankruptcy order, enabling it to do so, being limited to "grounds existing at the time when the order was made".

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by Royal Bank of Scotland plc from a decision of Deputy District Judge Gale in Portsmouth County Court, whereby he had annulled a bankruptcy order made against the debtor.

Mr Geoffrey Killen for the bank; the debtor in person.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that on February 13, 1992 the bank had presented against the debtor a bankruptcy petition, based on a judgment in the High Court dated June 4, 1990 followed on November 22, 1991 by a statutory demand for £24,936.

On April 6 a bankruptcy order was duly made in Portsmouth County Court. The debtor immediately applied, first to set aside that order, then to set aside the 1990 judgment.

The latter application was unconditionally granted on July 13, the bank giving notice of appeal against that grant. On August 20, the deputy district judge, purporting to exercise his discretion and observing that it was inherently unjust that the debtor should, in those circumstances, have a bankruptcy order hanging over his head, had annulled the bankruptcy order.

However, the situation had not been one amenable to any judicial discretion: by section 282(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the court's power to annul a bankruptcy order was expressly limited, save where all bankruptcy debts and expenses had, since the making of the order, been paid, to where it appeared to it "that, on any grounds existing at the time the order was made, the order ought not to have been made".

Counsel had referred to observations of Lord Justice Harman in *In re Noble (a Bankrupt)* ([1965] Ch 129, 140) to the effect that where the court was satisfied that a *bona fide* appeal was pending from the judgment of a court of first instance, the proper course was to adjourn the further hearing of a bankruptcy petition until after that appeal was disposed of.

However, here there had on April 6, 1992 been no pending appeal and no grounds whatever for annulling the bankrupty order. The deputy district judge had accordingly taken on himself a discretion which he did not have and his order would be set aside.

Solicitors: Davis Blank Furniss, Manchester.

When replacement specimen cannot be made available

Director of Public Prosecutions v Winstanley

Before Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Clarke

[Judgment January 29]

Where a police officer had informed a driver arrested for drink driving that any specimen given to replace the breath specimen would have to be a specimen of blood and it then became apparent that no doctor was available, the officer was entitled to ask the driver to provide a specimen of urine instead.

Where a driver exercised his option to provide a replacement specimen but, through no fault of his own, was unable to provide such a specimen, the prosecution could rely on the breath specimen.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment allowing a prosecution appeal by way of case stated against the dismissal by City of London Justices on September 11, 1990 of an information against Robert Winstanley of driving with excess alcohol, contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988. The case was remitted to the justices for the hearing to continue.

Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning for the prosecution; Mr Barry Myers for the driver.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the driver had opted to provide a specimen of blood or urine in place of the breath specimen. The police officer had requested a specimen of blood.

Attempts had been made to contact a doctor, during which time the driver was allowed to visit a toilet. No doctor was available so the driver was asked to provide a specimen of urine. The driver agreed but was unable to do so.

The driver submitted that once the custody officer had decided that, subject to medical advice, any replacement specimen would have to be a specimen of blood, he could not thereafter, when it became clear that no doctor could be obtained, ask the driver to provide a specimen of urine.

His Lordship did not see why not. The provisions of the Act were intended to be workable and his Lordship did not see why, in order to comply with them, the officer should check that a doctor could be made available before he tried to arrange for the attendance of a doctor to take a specimen of blood.

Further, in his Lordship's judgment, the justices had not been right in finding no case to answer and in not allowing the prosecution to rely upon the breath specimen.

The driver, having exercised his option had not, albeit for reasons beyond his control, provided a specimen of blood or urine which, as section 8(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 made clear, he had to provide if the breath specimen was not to be used.

Mr Justice Clarke agreed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Inner London; White Hecht, Shepherds Bush.

INFOTECH

A magic hand to the future?

A new type of personal communicator may lead to the 'mother of all industries'.

Matthew May reports on a device that will mix computing and communicating

Are personal communicators destined to be the biggest red herring for the electronics industry this decade or are they going to be, as John Sculley, the chairman of Apple, rather inelegantly put it, "the mother of all industries"?

The intention is that these portable devices will mix computing and communications to create a form of electronic notebook that can recognise handwriting and pluck a wealth of information out of the ether.

Purchasers will be able to communicate with the rest of the world and each other by voice, fax or electronic mail, as well as call up information from all sorts of databases and other services over wireless links.

And, with no keyboard, people will use electronic pens to write notes or touch symbols on a flat screen to create documents that can be a diary, notepad or items to be sent to others.

This week, an unprecedented alliance of six of the leading companies in electronics and telecommunications was revealed. It shows how seriously the big names are taking the concept. Perhaps even Mr Sculley's prediction that the communicator market will turn out to be worth not billions but trillions of dollars is not mere industry hyperbole. Early — and no doubt what will be viewed in the next century as rather primitive — versions of the communicator are due to go on sale by the summer.

As with every exciting new idea, many practical problems are yet to be solved. Not least is that bane of many a good hi-tech idea: the need for harmonisation. If manufacturers develop their products independently, the result is a series of incompatible and less attractive products.

If communicator cannot talk to communicator and access the same services, the industry's dream that the devices might eventually appear in every pocket could be fatally flawed. Hence this week's decision that General Magic, a small and previously secretive Californian company, should name its backers publicly — an alliance that brings together European, American and Japanese companies — and explain what it has been up to since being founded three years ago.

> Sceptics say that PDA, personal digital assistant, stands for 'probably disappointed again'

Backing General Magic are Apple, AT&T, Matsushita, Motorola, Philips and Sony, each of which has an equity stake and a licence to use the company's technology.

General Magic's task, quite sensibly, is to try to develop software that can act as a common language for different brands of communicators in the hope that it will set a world standard for anyone who wants to join in. This group could range from equipment manufacturers and the providers of information services to software and entertainment companies.

"No single company can create an industry, and we are trying to create an industry," says Marc Porat, General Magic's president and chief executive officer. "The alliance's shared long-term vision is to bring personal communications to people who may not use a computer today, to people whose personal technology is a car, a TV set and a telephone."

General Magic was founded in 1990 by three of the designers of the Macintosh computer, and Apple took a minority stake. Sony and Motorola soon joined as partners. Matsushita, parent of the Panasonic electronics giant, became involved only last month. Its participation was seen as a boost for the idea of a world standard.

So far, General Magic has developed two technologies: a programming language called Telescript and Magic Cap, a communications system. Both Apple and AT&T — through its involvement with a company called EO — plan to start selling communicators this summer.

EO's device is about the size of an A4 notepad and will come with a built-in modem and a subscription to an AT&T mailbox service so that users can send and receive electronic mail and faxes. Apple's Newton is more the size of a video-cassette and the emphasis is more on the computer and handwriting recognition side than communications.

This week, Motorola said that it, too, will produce a communicator before 1994, but unlike the other two, it will have built-in wireless communications. Motorola is also involved in a long-term satellite project to provide a global communications service for voice, paging, facsimile, data and radio transmission, which could eventually be linked to communicators.

"We believe there will be strong demand for fun and easy-to-use devices that will help people stay in touch with the office or with those at home," says Pat Richardson, a vice president of Motorola.

The company says that it has already designed cost-effective semiconductors for use specifically in personal communicators. One is code-named Dragon 1 and will integrate central microprocessing and peripheral functions into a single low-voltage chip. Sony and Philips are also expected to build machines.

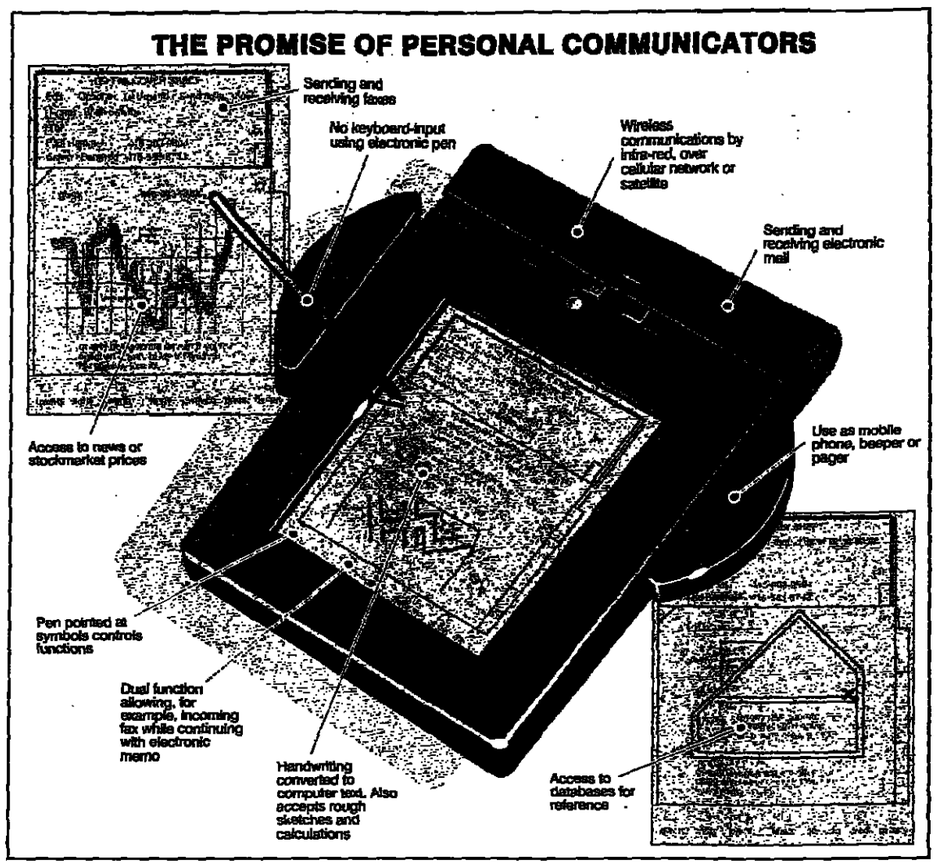
There are sceptics. One other name used for communicators is personal digital assistant or PDA — an acronym which, the sceptics say privately, should stand for "probably disappointed again".

Those who believe some of the more outrageous claims for these devices could be disappointed by the earliest products, which could uncharitably be described as no more than existing pen-based computers that allow limited data transmission by adding a cellular phone.

Analysts predict that the device could cost as little as £500, but the only official prices announced, for the EO machine, start at £1,400, plus another £500 for the cellular phone option providing wireless communication.

And despite the impressive alliance behind General Magic, there are some notable omissions if communicators are to gain the same sort of world conformity to a single format that has helped the audio cassette, video-tape and the CD to become household products. IBM and Microsoft, for example, are both contenders to produce rival, possibly non-standard communicators.

General Magic is aware of the dangers of promising too much too soon. It emphasises that the real benefits and mass use of these devices could take up to ten years to appear, by which time they might well include digital radio and TV reception and may eventually start to become as common as telephones. By then, however, the name General Magic could be better known than even Microsoft.



ONLINE

Apple's fightback

APPLE Computer travelled to Japan this week, one of its fastest-growing markets, to make its biggest announcement of new products, including a long-awaited colour laptop computer.

The introductions greatly accelerate the pace of new models from Apple, and some of the new computers outperform those introduced — at higher prices — only a few months ago.

Analysts say the prices are impressively low and likely to continue the industry's price war.

At the top

FROM tomorrow the top floor of D.H. Evans in London's Oxford Street will become a computer superstore. On offer in the 20,000 sq ft of selling space will be personal computers, software and accessories, as well as a repair, upgrade and modernisation service.

"This is the first time that a House of Fraser store has given over an entire sales floor to one retailer," says Tomas Kaczer, the managing director of Kaytech Computer Superstores, which already has sites in Bromley, south London; Southampton and Manchester.

Power cut

JAPANESE scientists have developed a liquid crystal that may one day make it easier to manufacture large, flat computer screens that use less electric power.

The new liquid crystal changes its optical properties when it is hit by a laser beam. Present liquid crystals change colour or shade when an electric current is applied.

Liquid crystal displays are used widely in personal computers, calculators and small television sets.

In the frame

IBM has introduced 18 new mainframe computers that it says can be more easily used with non-IBM systems and software. The company is also abandoning its standard price list.

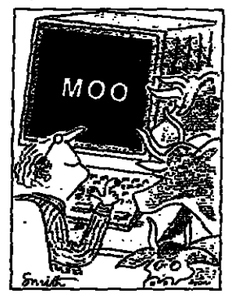
The move is part of IBM's effort to cope with a shift in the commercial computing market away from the big, multimillion pound machines that were long one of the company's main sources of revenue.

Nicholas Donofrio, who heads the mainframe division, says that the new strategy will allow IBM to focus on a £100 billion market expected to grow by 7 per cent annually over the next five years.

Talkback

FROM THE country that gave the world karaoke comes the latest in responsive machines: word processors that talk back.

They bark when you write "dog", moo when you write "cow" and make the



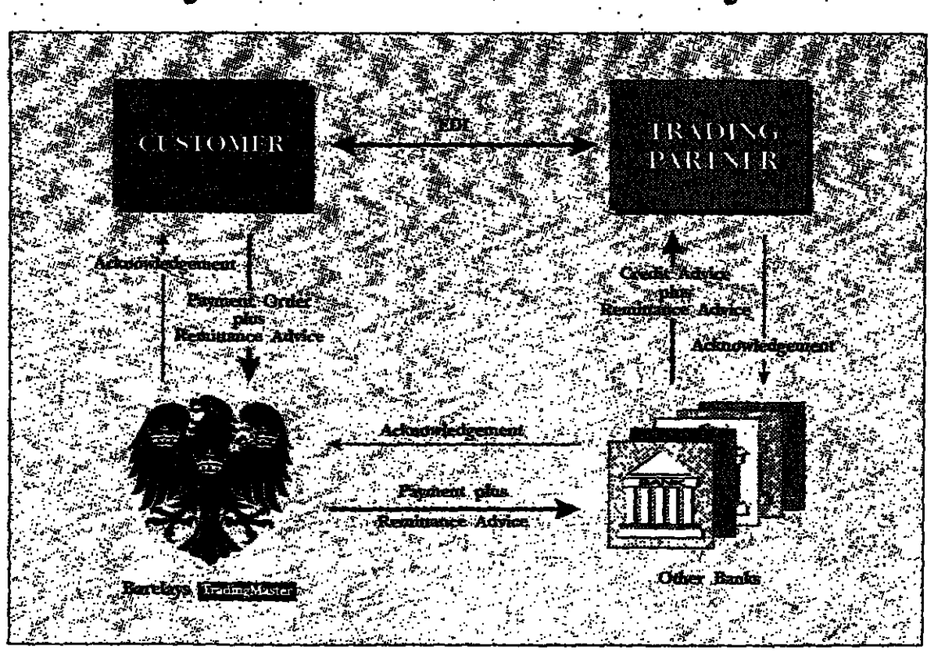
sound of pouring from a bottle when you write "beer".

Toshiba says that the talking machines are aimed at a new range of users, such as students and young office workers who want more fun from their writing equipment.

Light touch

A NEW digital-projection display system has been developed that operates by reflecting light rays from an external source into the pupil of an imaging lens, which then projects the digitised image onto a screen. Texas Instruments demonstrated the device, projecting images 12ft onto a 5ft diagonal screen, and says it offers the promise of a cost effective solution for the display of high-definition television broadcasts.

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Making CDs more compact

Discs with twice the playing time will soon be available

Music fans who find that recordings of favourite performances will not fit on a compact disc need fret no longer. This month, Nimbus Technology and Engineering, a British company, demonstrated a CD that will play for twice as long as existing ones. It could be on sale within a year.

Compact discs store digital information as tiny pits which form a spiral track across the surface of the disc. The pits are read by a laser. Each pit is about 0.6 microns wide, approximately 80 times thinner than a human hair.

Today's CD gives a maximum playing time of 75 minutes. The new type, known as CD2X, increases this by making the pits slightly smaller and also reducing the space between them. The speed at which the information is read from the disc is also reduced by a factor of 1.4.

The result is that the new type of disc can store about two and a half hours of high-quality digital audio or moving video pictures with sound. Picture quality is claimed to be better than that obtained from VHS tapes, with sound quality as good as FM radio.

It is also possible to reduce the video playing time and improve the picture quality so that a CD can store about 75 minutes' worth of wide-screen, broadcast-quality pictures.

One advantage of the new system is that it should not require extensive or expensive upgrading of conventional compact disc players. "We have found that these discs will play on some of today's CD decks," says Gerald Reynolds, the managing director of Nimbus. Others will need only to have their laser optics system tweaked to read the marginally smaller pits.

However, music fans salivating at the prospect of long-playing CDs from their rock or pop idol may be in for a disappointment. CD2X has been primarily designed as a video format: "We see this as a replacement for VHS video tapes and 12 inch video discs," Mr Reynolds says.

Film and video companies could welcome CD2X's lower production costs. In America a VHS tape costs about £2 to duplicate, five times the cost of pressing a CD.

The record industry is not likely to welcome the new format. "The music companies have spent a lot of time and money building up the market for the boxed set, which contains several CDs", says Tom Ferguson, news editor of the music trade journal *RPM Weekly*, "and they won't be in any rush to give it up."

Mr Reynolds also argues that the new CD is not for the music industry. "I do not see a big demand for longer-playing audio CDs, except perhaps from classical music fans."

For this reason, Nimbus has developed a small video adaptor box which plugs into the CD player and television. The adaptor contains a video computer chip developed by the American company C-Cube Microsystems, although Mr Reynolds says that some CD players may have the chip built into them.


Play it again, but longer: making CDs at the Nimbus factory

Nimbus says that the new disc is not a competitor to Philips's compact disc interactive (CD-I) format, which will introduce full-motion video discs this year. "CD-I is an interactive format," Mr Reynolds adds. "Users can select various types of information from the disc. CD2X is a play-and-watch system like video-tape".

Norman Abbott, director of the British Videogram Association, does not believe any change will happen overnight. "VHS is old technology and will no doubt be replaced by a disc-based system," he says. "But it will be a long time before video CDs become the norm."

Nor is CD2X seen as a rival to Kodak's Photo CD system, although it could. Nimbus says, be used to increase the number of pictures that can be held on a single disc. But Mr Reynolds does expect the new format to be taken up by the computer industry as a way of storing vast amounts of data.

A number of companies already use CD-Roms, compact discs that hold the equivalent of 250,000 pages of typed text or 1,000 floppy discs. The new type of discs will store twice as much information.

Nimbus has already developed the next step beyond CD2X — a CD that stores four times as much information as today's CDs. The format halves the pit size to increase the amount of data held on disc.

However, it uses solid-state blue lasers, which have shorter wavelengths than the red lasers used in today's CD players. Blue lasers are needed to read the smaller pits but are more expensive to make.

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Window on a new world

Graphics and multi-task software are making PCs much quicker and easier to use, **Jane Bird** reports

Conventional desktop personal computers, although powerful, are single-minded. They can edit text, sort electronic files, manipulate columns of numbers or design a building, depending on what software has been loaded. But they can perform only one of these tasks at once.

This makes them ill-adapted to help desk-workers, most of whom do several things at once. During a typical morning they may check their mail, write a memo and read a report, pausing occasionally to answer the phone or swap information with a colleague. To be really useful, a PC needs to be able to flip from one activity to another without having to "close down" documents in use.

> Users can flip from file to file

This function has been available from multi-task computers for several years, but it has been expensive and difficult to use.

Now there is a more simple and elegant solution to the problem. The cryptic typewritten commands used to open and close files on conventional PCs are replaced by representative images — for example, a filing cabinet, wastebin or calculator — which users can manipulate by using a mouse.

Several files can be open at the same time, each in their own "window", appearing on the screen. By operating the mouse, users can switch between files while cutting and pasting data, text or graphics from one to another.

Thanks to recent advances in data storage and transmission speeds, it is possible to run a film in a window at the corner of the screen or to hold a video-conference. Not only do these facilities make the machine more useful, they also make it simple to operate.

The window idea originated more than 20 years ago at Xerox's Palo Alto research centre in California, and first appeared in the early 1980s on computers from Apple, the predecessors of today's Macintosh. But the watershed has been its introduction on IBM-style PCs using the Windows system from Microsoft, the American software giant. About 15 million PCs run Windows worldwide. Last November, British sales of software packages to work with Windows overtook, for the first time, those built to run on DOS, its predecessor, according to Romtec, a research company.

Ease of use is by far the main reason for the popularity of Windows. Andy Brown, Romtec's panel research manager, says: "By the end of this year, we expect more than a third of all British PCs to run Windows, compared with a fifth in 1992."

During the next five years, Romtec forecasts that DOS-based application sales will decline to a single-figure market share.

Other contenders in the market include Apple and IBM's graphical operating system, OS/2, although it lags some way behind Windows. Mr Brown says that the main reason for the slow uptake of OS/2 is its voracious appetite for computer memory. "It requires at least six megabytes of memory", he adds, "which is a lot, even for today's PCs."

Alastair Macmillan, an electronic "painter", who has set up the Computer Art Foundation, believes Windows has made him far more efficient.

"If I am busy with an electronic painting and the phone rings", he says, "I can easily open another window to find the information relevant to the call, whereas in a nomal DOS environment, I would have to close down what I was doing before opening another application."

Windows also enables him to create artistic designs faster, pulling together previously used images from different works and adapting them for new compositions.

"Windows is superb for painting because it allows you to select a part of the picture, increase its size and work on it in detail before pasting it back in to the original. I can do the work of at least three people."

In theory, Mr Macmillan adds, you can have eight windows open on a screen. "But in practice I find that four is the comfortable limit."

At next week's Windows Show, he will try to set a world record for creating and transferring computer-generated art to clothing. "I will", he says, "take less than three hours to create a design under Windows, print it on material, sew a dress to a pattern and have it paraded by a model."

> 'I can do the work of three'

However, Windows is not a panacea, says Andrew Taylor, the head of information systems and strategy at the large London law firm of Linklaters & Paines. Mr Taylor is introducing Windows for a range of applications, including electronic mail, word-processing, sharing partners' expertise, recording time and producing bills.

"We are attracted by the potential to reduce training and support costs," he says. "The other main benefit is improved productivity for lawyers, who tend to work on information from a variety of sources at the same time which they need to combine."

He sees the graphical screens as essential if there is to be full use of the PCs among partners. "If the system is not easy, they will not use it because they do not want to invest a large amount of time."

But graphical software is not without potential problems. Although graphics make computers easier to understand at first, they can slow users down once the system has been mastered. Many users want to take short-cuts by typing commands rather than manipulating the mouse, so it is worth checking that such facilities are available.

Not all software designed to work with Windows is consistent. Mr Taylor says: "When we started, we were excited and thought there was great potential to reduce training and support costs. But it is not enough to have a graphical system — every package has to look the same on screen or it can make matters worse."

● *The Windows Show 93 is at the National Hall, Olympia, from February 16 to 18. Free visitor registration: 0256 381045.*

STEPHEN MARKESON



Keyboard art: Alastair Macmillan, an electronic painter, uses Windows to create designs on screen before printing out the patterns and transferring them to material

Don't be soft with hardware

Picking the right computer to run graphical applications is as important as choosing the right software. But it is not the first step.

Customers must initially decide what sort of tasks they want to automate, then choose the most appropriate package to perform them. The application being used should always dictate the hardware features that are wanted.

Second is the choice of processor that drives the computer. These are usually referred to as a series of numbers, from the least powerful 286 to the 386 and 486.



Identifying the processor will determine how fast a personal computer operates and, more importantly, how efficiently it runs the software.

The complex computer instructions that make graphical software easier to use are stored in the computer memory. The more graphically based applications that are used, the more memory needed. Information stored temporarily in memory is lost when a computer is turned off, so a more permanent form of storage, such as a hard disc, is needed. Most graphical applications take up large amounts of storage space, necessitating a high capacity hard disc.

Graphical user interfaces, such as Windows, need a machine with a fast processor, otherwise the software will not work fast enough. Windows needs speed to control the switching process of moving from one application to another and carrying out tasks on screen.

Fortunately, the availability of more powerful desktop computers, which use the faster 386 and 486 processors, is expanding fast with price cuts and more sophisticated features making them a good buy.

However, it could be a waste of money to buy the latest 486 PC with a large amount of memory and hard disc storage if you only want to write a few business letters. On the other hand, you could also be throwing away money if you tried to run a number of applications and Windows on a less powerful 286 PC with a small amount of memory and a hard disc with insufficient space to accommodate them.

To use Windows, you need at least a 386 PC, two megabytes of memory, a 40-megabyte hard disc and a mouse. Ideally, the PC should have four megabytes of memory, an 80-megabyte hard disc and a colour monitor to accommodate new technologies and applications as they come along. As the computer becomes easier to use, the more applications there will be.

Most personal computers sold now are supplied with a mouse, especially if Windows is pre-loaded on the machine you buy, but you can purchase them separately by mail order and in computer shops.

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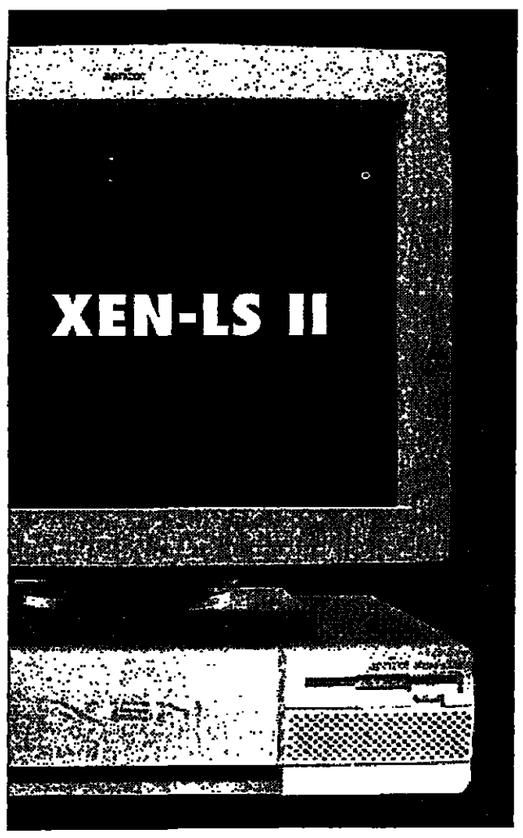
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It's child's play — at a price

Windows is simplicity itself, David Hewson says, singing the praises of his latest software purchase


TED BATH

Second-nature for a child: Catherine Hewson, aged five, and her brother, Thomas, seven, busy finding short cuts on the computer

Serious computer users and people in granny specs and tank-tops are forever writing to the computer press complaining that Windows is a con. An unnecessary pointless extension of the average personal computer that is terribly slow compared with the cabbalistic codes of command-line computers of yore.

"Just *think* of all that processing power being wasted on redrawing your screen to put a pretty icon there," they say.

Well, normal people do not think about such things. Normal people are not even aware of processing power. They just see a computer as a business tool or leisure activity that is either useful or not. Windows is popular now just because it has made computers more useful to more people than anything that has gone before.

Graphical user interfaces are nothing new in our family. Since 1984, when a £3,500 Apple Macintosh first appeared on our desk, mouse, icons and other pretty pictures have been an everyday part of work and, on occasion, of play.

Software for the Macintosh is mostly wonderful, but the cost of the computers has always been exorbitant. So when a laptop was needed, it was a personal computer that came into the house.

It was very soon apparent — the moment the DOS operating system prompt C> appeared — that this was a "Daddy computer", which basically meant that nobody else was going to go anywhere near it. I could not complain about this because, after seven years of using the Mac, I could not get the hang of the thing, either.

I could not remember the right commands and my hands twitched to fiddle with a mouse. The only solution was to buy Windows. I have hardly had the chance to use the thing since, so enthusiastically have my children taken to it.

The joy of Windows is that it is dead easy. People pick up the visual metaphor very quickly. To our children, it seems second-nature to keep programs and work in a separate folder, labelled Kiddy Junk, and click their way to what they want, whether a game of chess or a painting of their beloved parents as antennae-encrusted, bright, green aliens.

Something about the way it all happens clicks with them. Our mouse comes with a little program of its own which places Logimouse, a small purple rodent in the corner of the screen, and allows you to double-click by pressing the middle mouse button only once. It sounds a small thing, but it is very useful and time-saving — if you know about it.

My wife, Helen, did not, until Catherine, who is five, became frustrated by the sound of all this steam-age double-clicking and pointed out the short cut. "It's really easy, Mummy. Logimouse will do it for you," she insisted, pointing at the little rodent icon.

Helen teaches French, but she might as well have been fluent in Tibetan for all we could get out of the old system in the way of accents. And before the experts write in, yes, I know that, in theory, you can access foreign characters from old PCs by typing in obscure codes that sometimes show a rough approximation of an accent on screen, and might have printed it out too. In theory.

With Windows, we have a very neat foreign-accent facility that gives you little printed marks I did not even know existed and shows them on screen as they will appear out of the laser printer.

> 'It's really easy, Mummy: the Logimouse will do it for you'

Suddenly, the hard disc, which never had a whiff of French across it before, is filled with teaching material that will let you order fluently an 80-franc menu in Boulogne with confidence, then negotiate a bill of lading over the *amuse-gueule*.

What do I not like about Windows? The hidden costs. PCs may be cheaper than Macs, but they lack a lot of features that come built-in with Apple. To make Windows "sing", as all the advertisements say, it seems you need to add on a sound card, extra memory, and perhaps a Windows accelerator card. Networking requires an extra card.

If you want to introduce a CD-rom drive to your system, you will need a SCSI interface that is properly compatible with both your system and anything new you want to add to it. All this can exceed £500. On the Mac, it is built-in and you just buy add-on boxes and plug them in.

Windows applications seem to come in only two sizes, huge and absolutely whopping. My 40-megabyte hard disc can manage DOS, Windows, a word processor, a spreadsheet, and a truly wonderful electronic Filofax, Lotus Organiser — and that is about it. On the Mac, you could add several other programs in the same space.

The biggest price grouch, however, must be aimed at Microsoft, which makes sure you have to buy *two* operating systems, MS-DOS and Windows itself, which relies on DOS. I do not use DOS applications, so why can I not simply buy Windows on its own?

Finally, however you look at it, Windows is definitely more technical than the Mac and still possesses arcane cryptic-isms of which Microsoft ought to be ashamed. Does anyone really know how to optimise their WIN.INI file? Does anyone really care?

Still, we should be thankful for small wonders. The other day my son Thomas was watching me fiddle with the thing (it is annoying how parents will mess about writing articles for *The Times* and the like when a seven-year-old could be fruitfully zapping ghosts in Bugs). For a brief moment that dreaded DOS prompt C> flashed across the screen.

"What on *earth* is that?" Thomas asked, amazed. To be honest, I really could not say.

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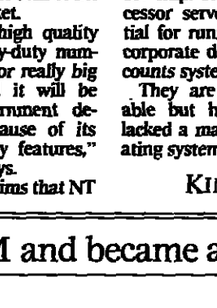
Upgrade or stay with 3.1? There is an answer to the dilemma

Even before the launch of Windows 3.1, Microsoft had announced that a radically different version would soon be available.

Since it is no secret that Windows NT will have more features and run faster, should potential buyers ignore version 3.1, and wait for NT and with it a price tag of more than £400?

Windows NT will have networking built in, but there will also be a version intended for running very large networks.

Phil Buggins, director of Microsoft's systems marketing, says: "If you have a personal computer that you never connect to other PCs and you want to run basic software for, say, personal productivity or games, Windows 3.1 is for you. If your computers are connected in a network, in a small business or a department of an organisation, you should use Windows for workgroups."



The company believes this version will soon overtake the more basic 3.1, which will sell mainly to home users. Windows NT, however, is intended for "power users" and, over the next few years, will take only 10 to 20 per cent of the Windows market.

"NT is for high quality graphics, heavy-duty number-crunching or really big databases and it will be used by government departments because of its built-in security features," Mr Buggins says.

Microsoft claims that NT will boost computer performance dramatically because it is specially written to exploit the advanced features of the chips used in today's top PCs.

Unlike previous versions of Windows, NT is an all-in-one operating system that does not need MS-DOS underneath it and is not hampered by any of its limitations.

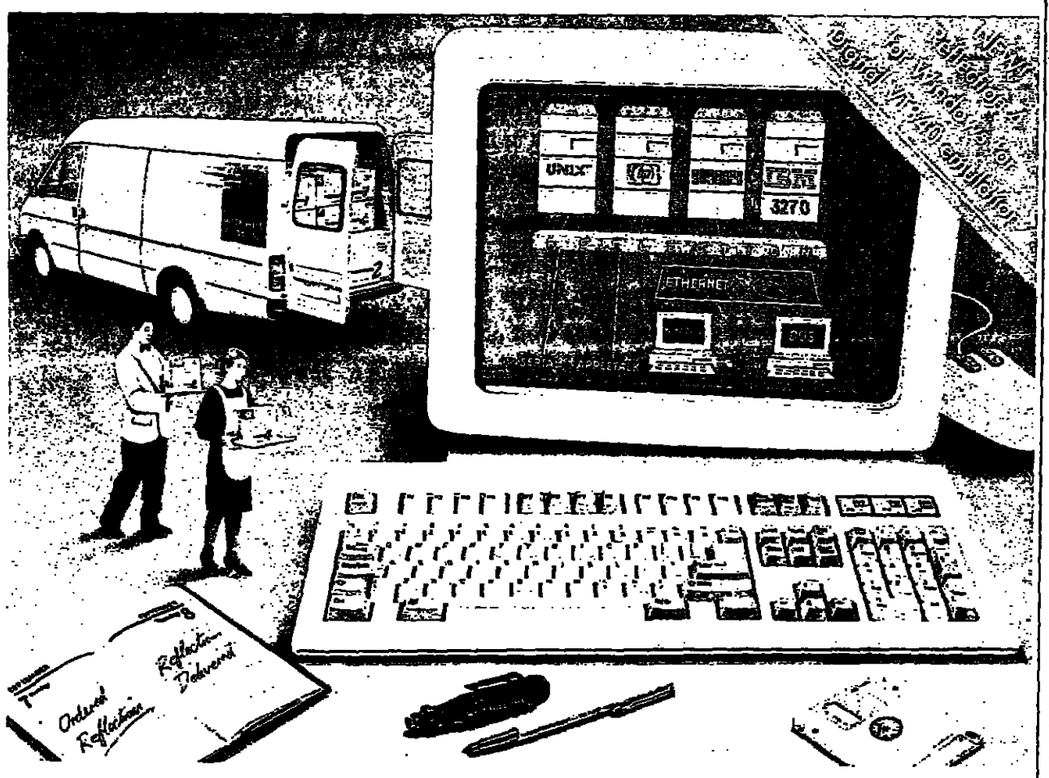
NT will provide "32-bit" power rather than the "16-bit" power of Windows 3.1. Existing software applications will run on NT, but to gain any advantage from it the applications must be translated into 32-bit format — something that the leading software firms are doing.

So far, so good. But most of the PCs in the world will not be able to use NT, and Microsoft will continue to develop versions of both Windows and MS-DOS for these machines because NT requires at least eight megabytes of memory, a 100-megabyte hard disc and a 386 chip or better.

One of the most important features of NT is that it allows the use of computers that have more than one processor chip. These "multi-processor servers" are essential for running very large corporate databases or accounts systems.

They are already available but have previously lacked a mainstream operating system.

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How a small company sold an idea to IBM and became a giant

The mouse that roared

Computer analysts used to argue over whether the personal computer world would belong to IBM or Apple. Would Apple's friendly, casual approach succeed against IBM's marketing muscle, they asked.

Nobody suggested that the future belonged to the out-of-town sub-contractor which provided IBM with an obscure piece of software that only system boffins understood. Now Microsoft's stock market value is comparable with IBM's and its founder, Bill Gates, is the richest man in America.

The initial break was given to Microsoft on a plate by IBM at the beginning of the PC revolution. IBM sealed its own fate when it bought the MS-DOS operating system from Mr Gates rather than developing its own.

To the IBM executives pushing the new project for putting a whole computer system on an executive's desk the idea was revolutionary — instead of building the whole thing themselves, they would assemble it from bits brought in from outside.

The microprocessor chip at its heart came from Intel. And the operating system, the software that connected the processor to the disc memory, the printer and the displays, came from a little-known company in a provincial city, called Microsoft.

> Now its stock market value is comparable with IBM

It was cavalierly assumed that IBM's patents and copyrights on the electronic design of the hardware would protect it against piracy. In the event, even the army of lawyers IBM mustered failed to stem the flood of PC clones, each designed to be subtly different from IBM's original.

But what all the rivals did, without exception, was to use Microsoft's MS-DOS operating system, which proved to be the one element of the IBM design they could not dispense with. It was the key that allowed the enormous mass of PC software to run on any hardware.

It proved to be virtually impossible to "design round" the copyright protection and Microsoft was swift to stamp on potential piracy.

Since the operating system comes with the personal computer, pirates became obvious the instant their equipment came on to the market, unlike the applications software that used the MS-DOS system, which fell victim to illegal copying on a massive scale.

So IBM ended up wallowing in the surf while Microsoft rode on the crest of a wave. It may sound easy taking a royalty from each PC clone as it comes off the production line, but Microsoft has had to keep running to stay on top. As the technology has developed, a series of rivals has threatened to topple the company's position.


Founder Bill Gates: the richest man in America.

IBM tried to recover with the introduction of PS/2 — a more advanced personal computer system with lots of processing power — and its proprietary operating system OS/2. But IBM had missed the boat. The MS-DOS system was too well established and OS/2 was thought not user-friendly enough to bring the market back, although it has had some success especially in networked applications.

Apple presented a more serious threat. The Macintosh made big strides against the IBM-compatible PC because it used easily understood pictures that could be manipulated using a mouse, whereas MS-DOS forces the user to enter meaningless codes.

It took Microsoft some time to catch up with Apple's technology, partly because Apple's screen images were protected by copyright. When Windows finally emerged on the market, Apple sued to try to stop Microsoft copying the "look and feel" of its user interface.

Microsoft also faced technical criticism: Windows was too slow and occupied too much memory space. Users familiar with Apple's consistent and easy to use system were not initially impressed.

People who had been using Acorn's RISC-based windows system were even less interested. But Windows is the system that brings together the cheapest and most powerful hardware and the cheapest and most plentiful software. As a result it is provided as standard on about a third of all personal computers made today.

A strength of Windows is that it is designed in a modular way that should be able to accommodate most of the emerging personal computer technologies.

Pen-based notepad computers, for example, are able to use Windows, so companies will be able to develop systems where deskbound workers can use conventional terminals, and mobile workers, such as stocktakers, maintenance engineers or reps, can use notepads.

Voice-operated computers will also be usable with Windows. But it is in networking that the battle for the next generation of operating system will be waged.

The one clear trend in commercial computers is the need to network PCs together. MS-DOS made few concessions to networking, but Windows and its much-heralded successor, Windows NT, are highly network-oriented.

It is there that the major threats are emerging. The network providers such as Novell have established their own operating systems for the networks and are moving into the PC area as well. Microsoft will have to compete to survive.

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Symbols show the way

The screen of a computer is the face of its control panel. It suggests the key strokes or mouse movements that will initiate the next desired operation. For most of the computer age, this control panel's instructions have been text-based and often cryptic — words or figures on the screen supposed to indicate the next step.

The success of the idiosyncratic Apple Macintosh, though, indicated that pictorial prompts were easier to learn and use. In the pursuit of productivity, these were key considerations. Hence the current popularity of the pictorial-screen style known as graphical user interfaces.

Computer suppliers refer to this style as "platforms" on which the programs that actually perform tasks, such word processing or financial planning, can be built. Using the same screen style as the basis for lots of programs is said to help users to make the most of software that might otherwise be unfamiliar.

Research studies in this area suggest that pictorial prompts encourage people to use more types of program and that they work their way through jobs more easily.

Consistency also helps those charged with running a company's computer systems by making economies possible in administration. Training is a prime example. It is obviously more sensible and economical to train computer users in only one style of software, rather than having to run courses in several streams for different programs.

Another example is the provision of help to users. In day-to-day operations, people encounter aspects of the systems that they cannot find their way around. To provide an instant answer is easier if only one style of system is involved.

System development is a third. Programmers writing the code that people elsewhere in their organisation will use naturally find life easier if there is only one style of target system. It is as though a car mechanic were asked to apply his or her skills to only one type of vehicle, having previously tried to remain conversant with three or four.

There are, however, drawbacks — several types of graphical software have to be considered. In the personal computer world, the leader is Microsoft's Windows. IBM's OS/2 and Apple's Macintosh are other options that buyers and suppliers alike have to decide which to buy.

Windows and OS/2 also demand more powerful computers than was the case with their older, more prosaic forerunners. They thus involve additional expense in hardware and also in software because new programs are necessary to make the most of their features.

For organisations in which the number of PCs in use runs into four figures, the costs of a switch can be great. Furthermore, companies' older PC systems represent big investments: in hardware and software, certainly, but also in the experience of their users and the huge amounts of data stored in earlier formats.

Many companies have accepted the promise of benefits from graphical software at face value. Elsewhere, the equations are still being checked.

"In large organisations, there is some major thinking going on about whether to move to these types of packages and what the implications are," says Alan Jay, the editor of the monthly magazine for the PC User Group.

The background to such thinking is often a broader attempt to link computer systems of different sizes and to make computer screens more widely available to staff.

A standard graphical software approach can help in the end, but it can make the transition more complicated. Companies have to consider the programs they have written and the program packages they have bought in.

Lotus, a large supplier of financial modelling software, originally discouraged computer users from moving to Windows on the ground that the expense could not be justified in the absence of suitable software. Now it has a well-advanced "cross-platform" policy, adapting its products to perform in the same way in different computing environments.

The question is whether companies will be able to rely on software firms themselves to make this level of integration more widely possible. IBM says that OS/2 will run Windows applications, but a company's commitment to one graphical software or the other still has some resemblance to a bet on a two-horse race.

One further factor that could deter companies from switching to graphical software is the possibility that it will not yield a high payback immediately. The majority of PC users use only one or two programs, but graphical software starts to come into its own where multiple programs are used regularly.

"Windows and OS/2 are all very well", Mr Jay says, "but for a lot of organisations they are wasteful in their use of resources. It takes a lot of computer power to let Windows help you do whatever it is that you do."

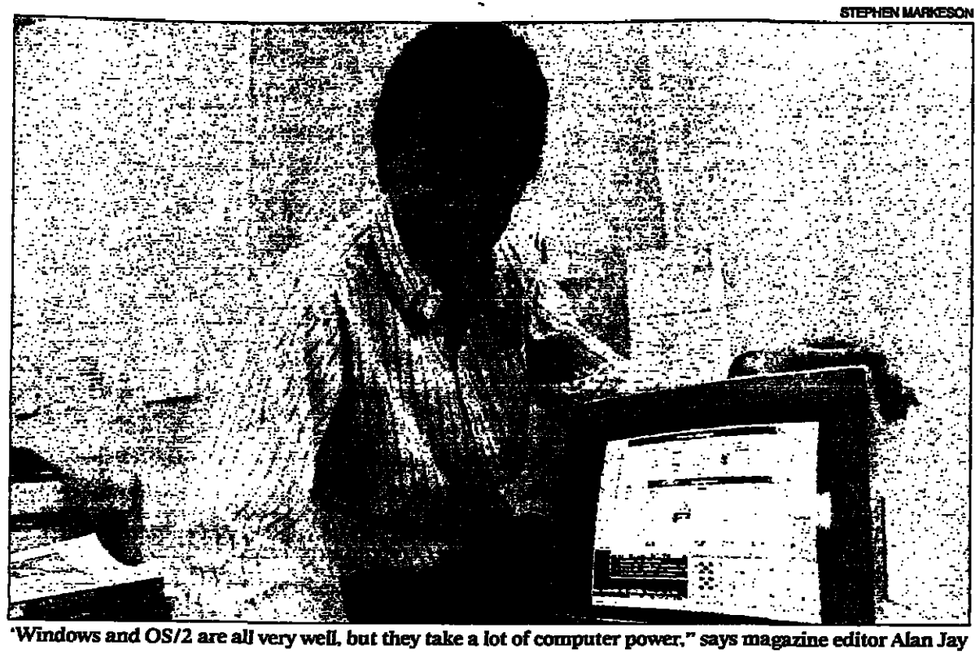
Some express doubts about whether Windows can be universally suitable. Dermot Browne, the author of a book on the subject for KPMG, the consultancy, suggests that the attempt to be all things to all users creates a weakness.

"With windowing interfaces", he argues, "there are many different ways of navigating an application and invoking commands, and so much more room for good and bad design."

The relative maturity of Windows and the Macintosh may encourage potential buyers. Windows in its early days, seven years ago, acquired a reputation for being difficult to work with, at least from a programmer's point of view.

"The amount of tinkering that was required to do anything at all was enormous," Mr Jay recalls. "Windows 3.1 is still relatively difficult, but now there are many more software tools available that make it that much easier to use."

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'Windows and OS/2 are all very well, but they take a lot of computer power," says magazine editor Alan Jay

The Apple Macintosh changed the way the world uses computers. **David Guest** hails the more helpful modern style of working

> 'There is much more room for good and bad design'

Software as easy as painting by pictures

Getting to grips with a piece of software has always been a traumatic process. The advantage of graphical programs is that they provide a common simplicity to software packages by the use of small symbols and diagrams, instead of incomprehensible computer codes.

Windows has taken the market by storm and it is reportedly selling a million copies every month. If you buy a computer now, you get Windows whether you like it or not. Microsoft has signed deals with 139 manufacturers to pre-install 3.1, the latest version of Windows, on every machine sold.

This gives the product a dramatic impact in a number of application areas from training, word processing and finance to executive information systems and database development. Windows also carries with it a number of important advantages, most notably in the areas of presentation and sharing of information.

Previously incompatible word processors and spreadsheets, for example Lotus 1-2-3 and Microsoft Word, share a similar look and feel under Windows and information can be swapped efficiently between them.

You can buy software from different suppliers and know it is all going to work together — a move that has opened up the market for such products. It is not just of benefit for the suppliers. Those users locked into proprietary software sold and maintained by one vendor are now often able to mix and match any package which runs with Windows.

Running this more versatile type of package also means more than one program can run inside a PC at a time, so that several programs — word processor, database and spreadsheet — can all be operating simultaneously in their own window or segment of the computer screen.

> Learning time using images is shorter than code-based programs

The learning time is shorter than with conventional character-based programs and users soon get used to the novelty of moving images around a screen and putting the electronic equivalent of documents into pictorial folders.

Not only is Windows technology being adopted by suppliers for existing packages but also those who are building new types of applications from scratch in areas such as sales support and public relations. Until now these have often relied upon paper-based documents or the outside supply of information from computer bureaux.

For example, Windows can be used as part of the sales process, thanks to the simple way it accommodates easily understood graphics and pulls together different pieces of information. Movement through the program is much easier — rather like running through a conventional sales presentation — with the added benefit that the salesperson can "dig" deeper to find out more detail at every stage.

Rather like driving a car or riding a bicycle, the learning curve with Windows can be quite steep, particularly if you want to do fairly advanced things.

"The reasons why you should choose to buy Windows is becoming more of a non-argument as time goes on," says Mike Karliner, the managing director of Alex Technologies.

"The huge momentum the product has started will mean most, if not all, software packages will be Windows-based in a few year's time."

However, care must be taken with the technology. A recent survey conducted by KPMG Management Consulting into the use of graphical software, found that there is still a lot of confusion about what they can and cannot deliver.

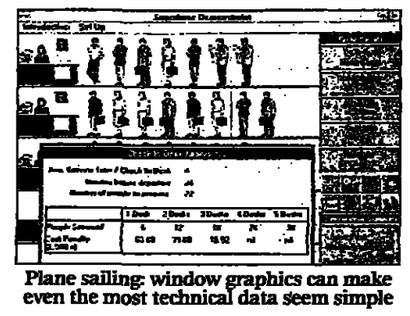
Graphical software must be fully integrated with all of a company's information technology activities. Too often, they are regarded by developers and internal information technology departments as promotional tools.

Potential users are frequently shown a range of complex graphical images and windows overlaid on a single screen, to win them over to a vision of computing that they are unlikely to see again.

While half of those responding to KPMG's survey claimed that the use of graphical software would deliver business benefits, 42 per cent were not sure whether they did or not.

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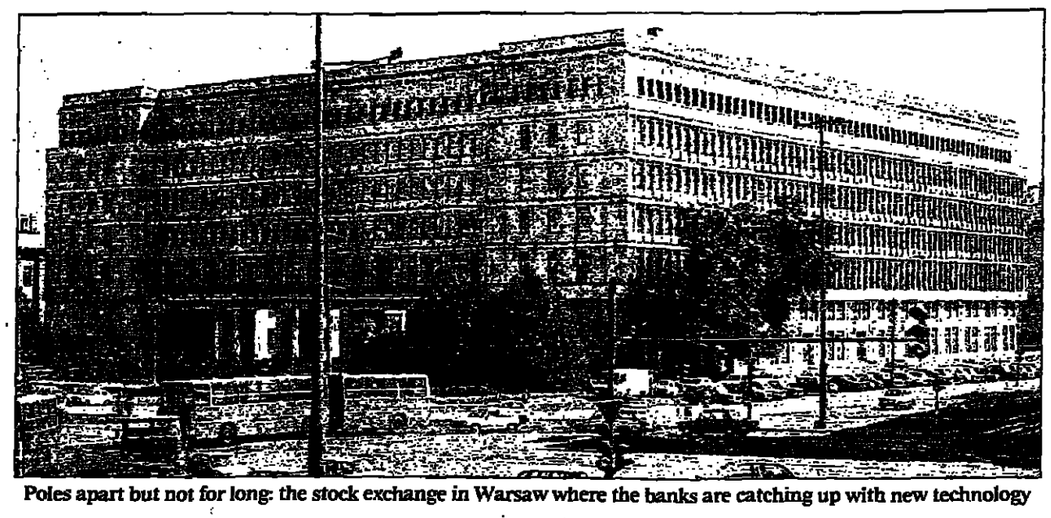
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It may be the computer professional's ideal project — the most modern equipment, an appreciative client and an end product that will make a difference to the lives of millions of people.

This type of work may sound like a dream to the computer programmers and systems analysts of the industrialised West, struggling to keep old systems running or coaxing new ones to work with outdated in-house equipment and software. But it is not unusual in the emerging economies of Eastern Europe to be starting with a clean slate.

A small but growing number of Western computer specialists is taking the road east. Their passport is experience of the latest computer equipment, the most sophisticated software and the business models of capitalism. Among the rewards, they say, is an unusually high degree of job satisfaction.

Billy Walker, who runs a software company called ABS, spent 18 months in Poland as a sub-contract information technology consultant to a Polish bank. He recommends the experience. "At first I was on my own, living in a hotel, and I thought it was a bit oppressive," he says. "Later, I had my own apartment, took Polish lessons and enjoyed the people and the country immensely."

Of the customers, Mr Walker comments: "They don't seem to take decisions on an individual basis — their natural inclination seems to be to form a committee."

Brian Gunn, the director of consultancy and services for Bull, a French multinational computer company that now has teams of people in Lithuania and Poland, adds: "A lot of these projects are large and they affect millions of people. That is a great source of satisfaction for the staff."

In a project for the Polish finance ministry, Bull has supplied a team of 12. "The bulk of them are there for the duration of the project — about two years," Mr Gunn says. "They have a great time. The cost of living is low and you are in the heart of Europe."

QA Training, which specialises in teaching clients how to use personal computers and workstations, has been sending tutors to Moscow for two years but, predictably, life behind what used to be called the Iron Curtain demands a certain flexibility. "We look for a particular type to send — a 'can-do' person willing to work with people and not be discouraged by set-backs," says Howard Kornstein, the marketing director of QA.

Mervyn Waite, the managing director of IC Software based in Neuchatel, Switzerland, and a veteran of projects in Eastern Europe, says: "You can't use your credit card and you can't get your washing done." At least one software company operating in Russia employs someone to buy food for the staff to spare them the valuable time wasted in queues.

Many of the projects in which Western specialists are involved are in the public sector or concerned with financial systems, or both. In several cases, the experts are moving into virgin territory and the computer systems being assembled are replacing manual methods.

The opportunities for work in the East is growing. For computer specialists, there seem to be at least three routes — as part of a company with information technology development projects, as a trainer or as a freelance contractor. For example, a specialist experienced in the latest Oracle database product, Unix client/server systems and who spoke one other language might have spent the past six months in the Czech Republic, working on a state taxation system.

This kind of opportunity is on the increase, Mr Waite says. "Although the main buyers at the moment are governments and the contracts are huge, we are beginning to see similar sub-contracts coming out of the larger ones."

The skills required are often very specific. Michael Rothstein, who operates an agency specialising in placing people with expertise in financial software products for the IBM AS/400 mid-range computer, reports that demand in the East is growing.

"Banks in Poland, Russia, the Czech Republic and elsewhere are trying to bring themselves into the 1990s both to compete internationally and to service the Western companies operating in their countries," he says.

But these job opportunities may not last much longer. East European computer workers are considered technically excellent but short of experience in the latest information technology techniques. They are learning fast. Having long been denied access to the sources of professional help taken for granted in the West, they are held to be more disciplined, more resourceful and more economical than their Western counterparts.

There are already signs of the start of a brain-drain from Eastern Europe to the West. The activities of new-wave Russian companies such as Softex and Paragraph are beginning to command attention. One of the leading PC software companies, Borland, obtains some of its software in the East.

Mr Kornstein estimates that in Russia there is a gap of three to four years between the skills provided by the education system and the modern information technology skills demanded by computer users.

However, of the 500 Russians who have passed through QA courses in Moscow, he says, "Some of the delegates were the best people we have ever trained and they are absolute workaholics. Some have reached a point where their technical skills are virtually the equivalent of hard currency".

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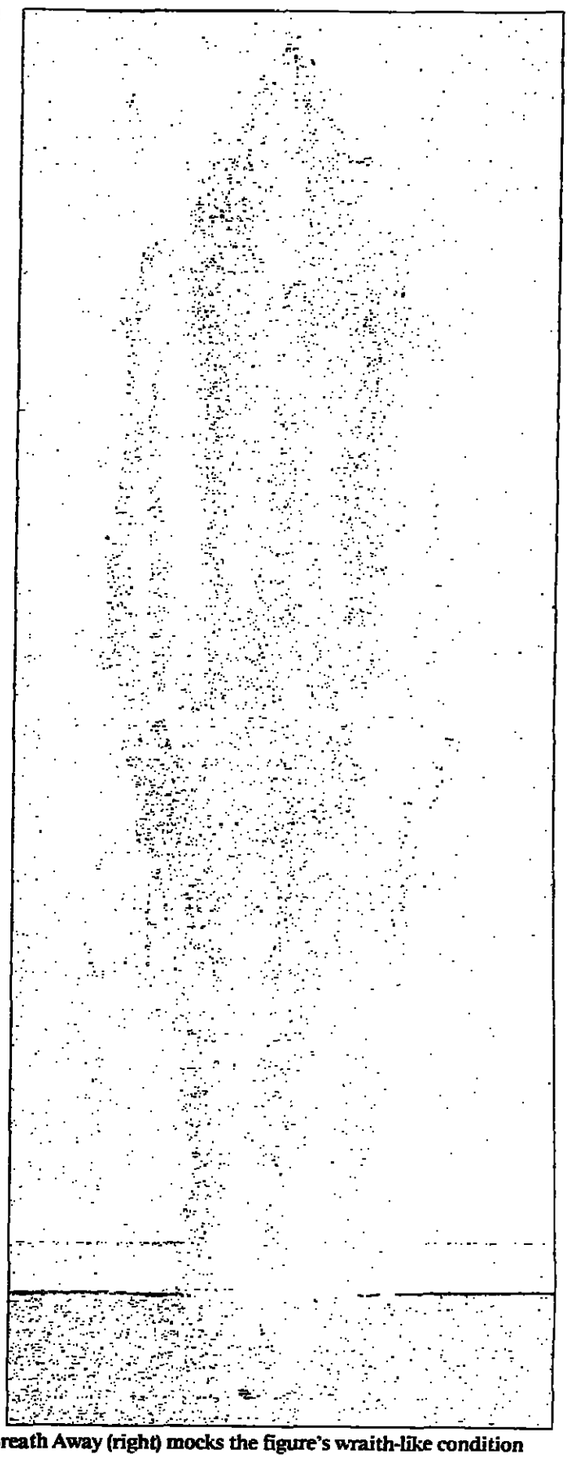
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Blood and guts in a new vein

Richard Cork reviews a London show by four young British artists whose work makes for uncomfortable viewing





Mark Wallinger's Capital (left, detail): an indictment of homelessness? Marc Quinn's You Take My Breath Away (right) mocks the figure's wraith-like condition

The most macabre artwork in London is impossible to avoid when you enter the Saatchi Collection's latest show of young British artists. Brazenly positioned opposite the entrance, a porridge-coloured head of a man is becalmed in a case resting on an unusually streamlined plinth. Viewed from the front, he looks calm enough. His eyes are closed, as in a death mask, and he frowns while clenching his mouth.

Move round to the side, though, and you realise with a shock that dark red blood oozes from a fissure in his neck. Running down from his right ear, the liquid gathers in a stickily congealed pool at the base of his head. It makes him look decapitated, like a guillotine victim carefully preserved as a trophy of The Terror.

> 'You realise with a shock that dark red blood oozes from a fissure in his neck'

But the truth is that Mark Quinn, the youngest exhibitor, made this disquieting image from his own features. Although it looks much older, *Self* is a portrait of a 27-year-old artist. And after producing a cast of his head from dental plaster, he took a bizarre step. Nine pints of his blood, removed from Quinn's veins over a five-month period, were poured into the cast. So the plasma-filled effigy now has to be preserved in a refrigeration unit. While I stared at it, the plinth clicked and hummed efficiently. But the cracks running through the face act as a reminder of its vulnerability. If the unit faltered, *Self* would soon begin to dissolve like a blurred wax head by Medardo Rosso and, finally, end up as a puddle.

Quinn's unnerving sculpture might easily have seemed sensationalist, a latter-day exercise in Grand Guignol. The discretion of this oddly meditative image prevents it from degenerating into mere gruesomeness, though. He looks stoical, as though determined to endure his fragile state and survive. The advent of Aids has made everyone acutely conscious of blood as a death-dealing fluid as well as the sustainer of life. Perhaps he reflects this fear above all else, and tries to exorcise it through the ritual of constructing a talismanic likeness with his own, unpolluted plasma, isolated in an infection-free Arctic box.

Quinn is preoccupied with fragility: a full-length rubber figure, hanging in space and devoid of substance save for his skin, is as helpless as the emptied-out self-portrait which Michelangelo included in his *Last Judgement* fresco in the Sistine Chapel. But there is absurd humour in Quinn's dangling man, too. He calls it *You Take My Breath Away*, as if to mock the figure's wraith-like condition. And in a series of wildly handled busts, baked in dough before being cast in bronze, faces purporting to represent Marie-Antoinette, Louis XVI and Dr Pangloss introduce a vein of caricature similar to Daumier.

A strain of mockery can also be found in Sarah Lucas's tough-minded work. But her starting-point is lodged far more combatively in the present. Outsize photocopies of spreads from titillating tabloids preside over her section of the show. At first glance, they resemble the rawness of early Warhol pictures based on newspaper front pages. But Warhol painted his images, and simplified the raw material. Lucas presents hers unaltered, like a Duchamp ready-made. And her relentless concentration on demeaning stories about women derives from a feminist perspective far removed from either Warhol or the other male Pop artists whose work she appears to cite: Peter Blake and Tom Wesselmann.

Most of her spreads come from the shameless *Sunday Sport*. "Sod You Gits", runs one headline, "Men Go Wild For My Body". The story centres on "topless midget" Sharon Lewis, "the half-pint housewife" who unveiled herself as "Britain's first-ever matchbox-sized SEX SYMBOL". The tawdriness is intensified by small-ads for services like Massage Extra surrounding the story. They reappear on the borders of a grotesque work called *Fat, Forty and Fabulous*, where the crowing reporter declares that "Horrible Hubby Reg Morris is so NAFFED OFF with his marshmallow-mound missus, Bet, he's put her up for SALE." Whatever knockabout humour the story may once have possessed soon palls, leaving a sense of disgust.

I did not, however, find that Lucas's work sustained my attention for long. Sexism in the tabloids may still be rampant, but the target seems too obvious to be handled in such an unmediated way. Mark Wallinger, on the other hand, errs on the side of dissembling. "Capital", his sequence of sombre, full-length portrait paintings, seems at first to depict homeless figures standing on pavements outside well-buttressed financial institutions. By presenting them in a glutinous, sub-academic and portentous style, normally associated with boardroom portraits, Wallinger hoped that irony would drive home his indictment of homelessness in capitalist society.

But the paintings look turgid, and he further undermines them by basing the pictures on his friends, posing as derelicts. There is a patronising artificiality about their scuffed shoes and baggy cardigans. The way they hold their beer-cans or bottles like symbolic attributes increases the theatrical air, making it impossible for us to take them seriously.

That is why I preferred Wallinger's other series, "Race, Class, Sex". Although the four near-identical paintings of racehorses have clear links with Stubbs, they are handled with freshness. Positioned on a blank ground, each stallion is firmly attached to a rein which trails out of the canvas. Their owner is in fact Sheikh Mohammed of Dubai, whose identity Wallinger has revealed (alongside the horses' names) on a caption. They look magnificent, and because they are based on photographs in a breeders' reference-book, the images are sleek enough to say a great deal about the glossy, pedigree-obsessed world of the turf.

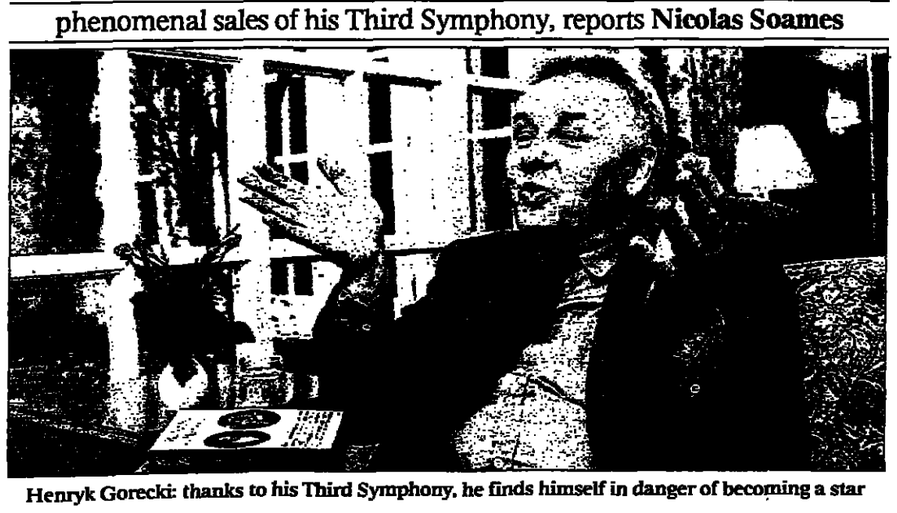
The other artist in the Saatchi show returns us to the frozen numbness of Marc Quinn's *Self*. In order to maintain the minus 23 degrees centigrade temperature in her wrily named *Royal Box*, Rose Finn-Kelcey makes sure the door is tightly shut. Visitors *can* go inside the humming white vault for a few chilling moments. Once the door closes fast behind you, claustrophobia threatens within this nine-foot-square space. But the U-shaped wall of glistening ice-cubes in the centre is oddly seductive.

Finn-Kelcey provides a beguiling alternative in her other installation. Surrounded by spotlights, an immense aluminium structure inhabits the middle of a darkened room. But there is nothing oppressive about Finn-Kelcey's minimalism. The main part of her work consists of steam, rising from mesh on the floor and swirling towards dispersal in the hood overhead. Reminiscent of a giant steam-cleaning machine, or warm air escaping into a winter street, her lyrical work replaces sculpture's traditional reliance on solidity with the tantalising evanescence of mist.

● Young British Artists II *at the Saatchi Collection (071-624 8299), Fri & Sat only, noon-6pm, until the autumn.*

Man from Katowice heads up the charts

Polish composer Henryk Gorecki seems as surprised as anyone by the phenomenal sales of his Third Symphony, reports **Nicolas Soames**



Henryk Gorecki: thanks to his Third Symphony, he finds himself in danger of becoming a star

On Monday, the UK pop album chart placed the Symphony No 3 by the Polish composer Henryk Gorecki at No 6, sandwiched between the soul music of In Vogue and the progressive rock of R.E.M. It must be the oddest conjunction in the history of the pop charts.

On the same day, an equally bizarre ceremony was conducted in a hotel in Brussels. The 59-year-old composer, smiling but bemused, was presented with a silver disc denoting 60,000 sales, and a gold disc for 100,000 sales of the Symphony in the UK alone. "I am in a dream," muttered Gorecki in Polish, and seemed not quite sure whether he wanted to be woken up or not. When asked what he was going to do with them he said: "Perhaps someone will pay enough money for them so that I can buy a little house in the country where I can compose."

Gorecki is clearly trying to come to terms with his bewildering success. A year ago his name was known only in contemporary music circles — and then mainly as a strongly individual composer standing in the shadows cast by Penderecki and Lutoslawski.

He had his champions, and a few works had been recorded. But he led a relatively simple family life in his home town of Katowice in provincial Silesia. He walked in the Tatra Mountains, collected the folk music of his country and went to church on Sundays. Only rarely would he leave Katowice to attend events in Warsaw or abroad.

Then came the Nonesuch recording of the Third Symphony, subtitled "Symphony of Sorrowful Songs", sung by Dawn Upshaw, with the London Sinfonietta conducted by David Zinman. Released in July, and selected for broadcast by Classic FM in September, it was marketed with adept skill by Warner Classics throughout the autumn. It started climbing the pop charts in January and has now turned into the most remarkable cult record ever. It is still selling at the rate of 6,000 a day.

And suddenly, Gorecki finds himself in the full glare of the Western media. It is not altogether an experience he likes or wants. "What has happened to the symphony is a wonder, a miracle," he enthused at a three-hour round-the-table session with a dozen journalists this week. He was in Brussels to judge a competition, and a multi-lingual press conference was the only way to process the scores of interview requests. "But if I take it to heart, it will spoil me."

Yet the pastoral portrait of the recluse unaccustomed to the glitz of mainstream music is not quite accurate. The 1950s and 1960s saw him make his mark with a series of radical works (*Scronti*, 1960; Symphony No 1, 1963). His music was played in the Darmstadt of Boulez and Stockhausen. His appearances were seldom, short, but effective — and heightened by a swift return to Katowice.

In the 1970s, his music took on a new character, as his interests in modal forms and religious texts came to the fore. Gorecki himself argues that this was as radical as anything that had gone before. It was during this period that the Symphony No 3 emerged, in 1976. Denying its apparent simplicity — surely one major reason why this piece of serious modern music has so caught the public imagination — the composer says it is as complex as his early pieces.

"I had a specific canon in my mind that I wanted to construct based on the broad concept of a long theme," he explained. Not finding the exact theme he wanted among the Polish folk archives, he wrote his own. He gave the work an added poignancy by setting three plaintive texts: a 15th-century lamentation; words from the wall of a prison cell; and a folksong. It was recognised immediately as a major work in his output and played regularly. It was also used in an early Gérard Depardieu film, *Police*, and recorded no fewer than three times during the 1980s.

Gorecki went on composing. The next big piece, *Beatus Vir*, written for Pope John Paul II's return to Poland, inhabits a similar sound world. The 1980s saw further steps towards international recognition despite illness and an ugly confrontation with the Stalinist regime. Increasingly, his music used ritualist expression — it has been dubbed Holy Minimalism and bears affinities with two other recently cultish composers: Estonian Arvo Pärt, and Englishman John Taverner.

But a career that was seeing gradual growth has shot onto a different plane. Gorecki now finds himself in danger of becoming a star. He has the presence for it; his personality is forceful. Materially, his lot has improved, though this success will not in itself make him rich. So far his publishers, Boosey and Hawkes, estimate that he has earned £45,000 in royalties.

If, as Warner Classics forecast, the UK sales top 300,000 after the April 4 screening of Tony Palmer's *South Bank Show* documentary on the composer, the sum will reach six figures. He should not have to sell his gold disc to get his house.

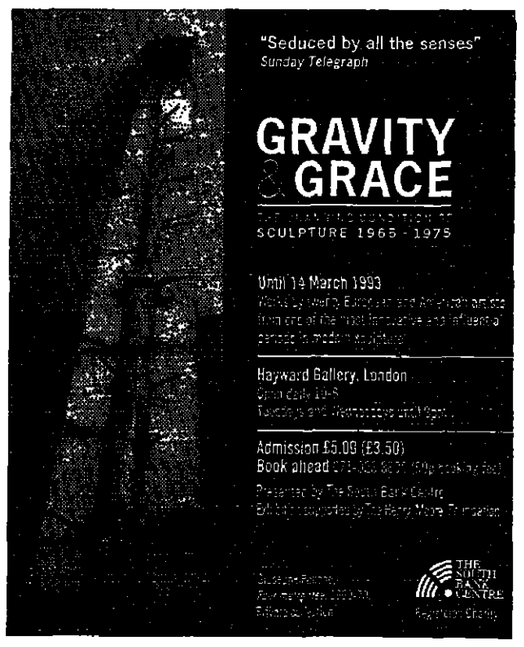
The classical record industry, not surprisingly, is jumping on the bandwagon. Decca is shortly to release *Beatus Vir* and other works; Olympia will release *The Essential Gorecki*. A sign of Gorecki's new fame is that the latter title no longer sounds totally ludicrous.

However, Gorecki is not looking for stardom. "I am glad that my music has helped people enlarge their musical boundaries. But I have never asked people to play my music. It is there if they want it."

CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

● **PIERRE ROY.** Before and alongside Surrealism came Magic Realism, which turned the painters' gaze so intensely on reality that it became hallucinatory. Pierre Roy (1880-1950) belonged to no school, but was certainly by nature a Magic Realist. Admired by Clive Bell in England and the Surrealists in France, more recently he has been virtually forgotten, but this select show of still-life and extraordinary illusionist composition, largely borrowed from British and French collections, makes a strong case for renewed attention.
Richard L Feigen, 6 Ryder Street, SW1 (071-930 0020). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, until March 25.

● **WALTER GREAVES AND CHELSEA RIVER.** The son of a Chelsea boat-builder, Walter Greaves was curiously poised between naivety and extreme sophistication as an artist. The sophistication came from his contact with Whistler. The friendship, like most of Whistler's, ended in tears. But Greaves continued to draw and paint for the rest of his long life (1846-1930), sometimes as a plausible imitator of Whistler, often with a pawky, rather awkward individuality of his own.
Michael Parkin Gallery, 11 Motcomb Street, SW1 (071-235 8144). Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm. Sat, 10am-1pm, until March 5.



WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Stephen Unwin's cheery restaging of Rossini's comic masterpiece is splendidly revived at the Royal Opera. Thomas Hampson's fluent and powerful Figaro is matched by Jennifer Larmore's spirited and vibrant Rosina. Evelino Pido conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, 7.30pm.

EMANUEL AX: The international pianist performs a mainly French programme comprising Debussy's Piano Suite, Ravel's *Valses nobles et sentimentales*, Franck's "Prélude, Aria et Finale" and Schumann's "Carnaval". **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-638 8891), Sun, 3pm.

MOTIONHOUSE: The contemporary dance group presents its new production, *Arcadia*, a collaboration with the Spanish installation artist Rosa Sanchez which was inspired by *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.
The Place, 17 Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

NEW LONDON CONSORT: Philip Pickett and his stimulating period ensemble continue their revelatory work on Monteverdi with performances of *Il Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda, Il Ballo delle ingrate* and *Tirsi e Clori*. Jane Gingell is the director. Timedance provide the dancing, and the impressive vocal line-up includes Catherine Bott and John Mark Ainsley.
QEH (as above), tonight, 7.45pm.

TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS': The *Les Misérables* partnership of John Caird and John Napier renewed to stage Pinero's comedy. With Robin Bailey, Helen McCrory, Michael Bryant.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews tonight, tomorrow, Mon-Wed, 7.15pm; opens Thurs, 7pm.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: The Royal Ballet's grand production, supervised by Ninette de Valois, is one of the finest stagings of the Tchaikovsky classic. The leading role provides the ultimate challenge for a ballerina; Fiona Chadwick tackles it tomorrow afternoon, Darcey Bussell in the evening.
ROH (as left), tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

B-52'S: The purveyors of quirky pop, newly trendy these days, are back after cancelling their December dates, this time with guest singer Julee Cruise.
Brixton Academy, Stockwell Road, SW9 (071-326 1022), Sun, Mon, 7pm.

MARI WILSON: A smoochy Valentine's day special from the singer who has successfully carved a new image for herself as a jazz diva.
Tenor Clef, Hoxton Square, N1 (071-729 2476), Sun, 8pm.

REGIONAL

EDINBURGH: Tom Courtenay plays the cultured drunk in Yerofeev's grimly funny **Moscow Stations**, adapted from his cult novel.
Traverse, Cambridge Street (031-228 1404). Preview tonight, 8pm; opens tomorrow, 8pm, then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm, until March 14.

EDINBURGH: With the release of his fifth recording on Blue Note, the French pianist **Michel Petrucciani** returns to Britain for a brief tour. Initially classically trained, this bright, articulate player is considered to have the makings of one of the most outstanding romantic virtuosos in contemporary jazz.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019), tonight, 8.30pm.

CARDIFF: Yannis Kokkos's new staging of Tristan und Isolde for **Welsh National Opera** (a co-production with Scottish Opera) seems to be the only Wagner production in Britain this year. Jeffrey Lawton and Anne Evans, many of whose finest performances have been in Cardiff, sing the title roles. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts.
New Theatre, Park Place (0222 394844), tomorrow, 5pm.

DORKING: Clarinettist Emma Johnson is soloist with the **European Community Chamber Orchestra** in Kozeluch's Concerto in E flat. Schubert's *Five German Dances*, Haydn's Symphony No 35 and Bartók's *Seven Romanian Folk Dances* complete the programme under the direction of Eivind Aadland.
Dorking Halls, Pixham End (0306 884206), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER: Lutoslawski Live, a short season of events and concerts in Manchester, marks the 80th birthday of one of the greatest living composers, Witold Lutoslawski. The BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier begins proceedings tonight with a performance of Lutoslawski's *Mi-Parti* (1976), Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto (with Jon Kimura Parker) and Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony. Events are taking place at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester University and the Free Trade Hall.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712), tonight, 7.30pm.

MOLD: Janet Suzman directs Timothy West, Sheila Allen and the Theatr Clwyd Company in Miller's humane and moving **Death of a Salesman**. A regional tour follows.
Theatr Clwyd, Civic Centre (0352 755114). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm; Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Feb 24, Mar 3), 2.30pm, Sats, 3pm, until March 6.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: Choreographer Tamara McLorg's new work *The Hay and the Red Poppies* is inspired by her childhood experiences in Poland and Britain. It is danced by Scotland's leading contemporary group **Dundee Rep Dance Company** to a score by Iain Johnstone.
Playhouse, Barras Bridge (091-232 7079), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

□ **BARNUM:** Agreeable showbiz musical, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Peter Shaffer's latest, bloodthirsty revenge versus forgiveness on a modern Greek island. Deep issues, iffy treatment but Judi Dench is powerful.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 6.30pm. 165mins.

■ **HAMLET:** Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 6.30pm, mat tomorrow, 12.30pm. 270mins.

□ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◪ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY:** Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◪ **KING LEAR:** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 185mins.

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

□ **OUR SONG:** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

■ **RICHARD III:** Ciaran Hinds in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC production.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins.

□ **THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE:** Alison Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD:** *Over-loud, ridiculous musical.*
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 140mins.

■ **STAGES:** Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, mat tomorrow, 4pm. 85mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** William Gaunt (replacing Simon Cadell), John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged):** Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ■ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

JIT: Lively romantic fantasy from Zimbabwe, with a polished amateur cast and vibrant pop music. Writer-director, Michael Raeburn.
ICA (071-930 3647).

THE LIVING END (18): HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home; but is it him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

SHADOWS AND FOG (15): Woody Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent homage to German Expressionist cinema. With Mia Farrow, John Malkovich, and, very briefly, Madonna.
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

◪ **STAY TUNED** (PG): Couch potato makes Faustian bargain and gets sucked into a TV hell. Juvenile satire with stray chuckles. Stars John Ritter, Pam Dawber, Jeffrey Jones. Director, Peter Hyams.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career. Stars Dan Aykroyd, Geraldine Chaplin, Anthony Hopkins.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

◆ **DAMAGE** (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID** (U): Amiable, inoffensive *I Shrunk the Kids* sequel, with Rick Moranis as the accident-prone dad with a 100-feet-tall tot who heads for Las Vegas. Director, Randal Kleiser.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

THE PUBLIC EYE (15): Life, times and longings of a tabloid photographer in the Forties (Joe Pesci). Annoyingly artificial. With Barbara Hershey; writer-director, Howard Franklin.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SHERLOCK JUNIOR (U): Projectionist Buster Keaton dreams himself into the film being screened. Gloriously inventive silent comedy (1924), revived in a sepia print.
Barbican (071-638 8891)

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest; his best film in years; strong performance from Johanna Ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757)

THEATRE: in Birmingham, **Benedict Nightingale** sees Ireland's most popular play

Stern rebuttal of a stereotype

ROBERT DAY



Fiercely protective: Gillian Hanna as the matriarch Maggie Polpin, in the shop where her family must work

Big Maggie
Birmingham Repertory

WE British know John B. Keane, if at all, as the writer responsible for the movie *The Field*. But in his native Ireland he is more popular than Alan Ayckbourn is in England, and *Big Maggie*, which he penned in 1969, has been performed there again, again and again. Why, then, has the play had to wait until now for a showing on this side of the water? Does its tale of the matriarch who drives two sons and a daughter into English exile, yet finds a flinty fulfilment in doing so, speak so much more eloquently to Limerick and Cork than to Bristol and Birmingham? For all its blunt, bold strengths, I think it does.

"Father is king. Mother a chattel," Thomas Hanlon declares with some bitterness in his book *The Irish*; and, even when Irish dramatists have disagreed, they have been noticeably harder on the man than on the woman of the family. He is variously cold, feckless, selfish, drunken, greedy and vicious; or so you might conclude from representative plays by Synge, Leonard, Friel, T.C. Murray, Thomas Murphy and Padraic Colum. But the most powerful image of motherhood that Irish drama has left us is to be found in O'Casey's *Juno and The Paycock* and *Red Roses for Me*, each of whose heroines seems able to undergo any hardship, suffer any loss, and still retain her strength and faith.

It is that idolatry, that burdensome myth, which Keane challenges in *Big Maggie*. What really happens to a woman who has spent years in a loveless marriage, skivvying for a violent husband, without any possibility of divorce? The answer is the face of Gillian Hanna's Maggie Polpin as she buries the dead despot in the opening scene. It is as dour and bleak as the black-draped stage behind her, and does not melt when the local undertaker suggests something more sentimental than a bald "R.I.P." on the "monumental sculpture" he is preparing. "There are enough lies on the tombstones of Ireland without my adding to them," she definitively snaps, and proceeds to bargain the price down by a tenner.

Imagine the O'Casey who dedicated *The Plough and the Stars* to "the gay laugh of my mother at the gate of the grave" writing a scene like that. Imagine his Juno behaving as Maggie now does. Nothing is allowed to interfere with her hard-won independence: not her elder son's craving for his patrimony, nor her younger one's request to wed his pregnant girlfriend and bring her into the house, nor the attempts of the oldster she calls a "baboon" to bribe her into a second marriage, nor her two daughters' romantic hopes and dreams. Her children must toil in the family shop or on the family farm, or they can go. Mostly they go.

The play has its implausible moments and, at the end, its sententious ones. It reduces and traduces Maggie to have her suddenly spell out the play's implicit lesson, that Irish puritanism, clericalism and marriage stifle freedom and prevent growth. But that is an afterword only, and does not greatly spoil what Keane's characterisation, Hanna's acting and Gwenda Hughes's production ensure is an unsentimental yet not unsympathetic portrait of Irish motherhood as, surely, it must sometimes be.

Here is a woman whom life has taught to be avaricious, callous, nasty, but also fiercely protective. Her hardness, she says, is the hardness of concern — "That's why I've never let any of you have your own way; if I didn't love I wouldn't care" — and she seems to mean it. That is the ambiguity the play finally communicates. Whatever the English make of it, it is clearly one that fascinates and troubles our Irish neighbours.

Pointlessly puzzled

Quartet
Lilian Baylis

RIGHT. Well. Yes. A new work by Heiner Müller. What to say? Start with the stage. Black. Black walls. On the black floor an actor curled up; in position before the audience troops in and, half naked, probably half chilled. A pair of ladies' shoes: a glass of wine; silver chairs; the photograph of a face. Darkness; crashing music: the play commences.

Two more actors and three actresses are now standing against the rear wall, beside a hand-saw, a bow saw, a billhook, a cleaver, a pair of shears. The first actor uncurls and steps slowly to the side. An actress steps slowly forward, tears the photograph in half, speaks. The text commences.

The text takes after the cruel manoeuvres at the heart of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. In turn, the actors become the Vicomte de Valmont, the actresses the Marquise de Merteuil; later, the actors become Madame la Présidente de Tourvel, who Valmont (now spoken by actresses) seduces. Later still, the pair of shoes becomes Mlle de Volanges, who Valmont (an actor again) also seduces. Four characters, four voices, a quartet.

Müller is the former East Germany's foremost playwright. *Quartet* is said to create the feeling of perpetual self-deceit. Also an uncompromising indictment of enlightenment. The programme note disclosing this may mean the era when *Les Liaisons* was written — the Enlightenment — in which case, the slip is revealing. The lighting plot is elaborate, but the material casts infinitely little light on the human condition, the tactics of seduction, or on (to quote the programme again) economic oppression of the masses and the decadent privilege enjoyed by the few.

Offstage, a metal rod strikes a metal bowl every 15 seconds throughout the 100 minutes of the work.

What can it mean? Why is it performed? For what purpose or relief was it created?

The measured movements of the cast, their measured diction often drained of emotional display, give one to suppose they find significance in what Marc von Henning, translator and director, requires them to do. It was the same with *Medea Material*, a Müller work his company, Theatre Concept, staged in 1990, but there the moves in the game, though baffling or trivial, displayed theatrical vigour.

In *Quartet*, the moves communicate so little. Presumably the Valmont in the shadows opening shears above his groin is keen to change his sex. Presumably Volanges speaks German when departing to her convent to show she is retiring from the cruel game of love. Such effects don't seem worth the effort somehow.

At the end, the first actor is curled up on the floor again, naked this time, and remains there as the audience makes for the door. I was tempted to stay in my seat to see what happened, but what the heck!

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE: mixed reactions to this week's companies in the Spring Loaded season at The Place, Euston

Energy and excitement are always at a premium

WOMEN being thumped against a wall; bodies twisting and bouncing exuberantly to the beat of drums; hands slowly raised and lowered amid enveloping gloom: there was plenty of variety in the three shows I saw on successive nights at The Place this week. The most entertaining of them was **Irie! Dance Theatre** in a double bill under the title *The Black Spirit*.

This London Afro-Caribbean company has found a highly cheerful way of putting over the serious theme underlying the two works, namely spiritual consciousness as a means of sustaining their identities. The guest choreographer Peter Badejo's *Agbara* does it more effectively, more inventively and more exhilaratingly, but *Freedom Suite* by company member Raymond Wilkes with Albie Ollivierre also has some striking images of village life and creatures in the wild.

Badejo lets the contrast between different dance styles make his point: traditional and modern, ritual or free and easy, even at one moment a parody of ballet set against a puzzled but uninhibited personal treatment of similar steps. The presence of four drummers at the side of the stage, with occasional singing by them and sometimes the dancers too, help sustain the vigour of his piece.

The Irie! dancers have developed a style that reconciles a highly professional finish and detail with an air of invigorating spontaneity. They offer striking individuality merged in a strong community feeling; this and their overwhelming, sustained vitality had the audience cheering.

If only they could have lent a little of their vigour to **Ricochet Dance Company**, who advertise "impressive energy and fluency" but fail to deliver them. Russell Maliphant's *Relative Shift* gives its four dancers, over 40 seemingly interminable minutes, just about enough movement for a two-minute solo — but not a very interesting one.

Gill Clarke also goes in for minimal movement in *For Christ's Sake*, a sermonising gestural duet for Kate Gowar and Karin Potisk based on the evangelistic text of John Adams's composition, *Christian Zeal and Activity*.

In a livelier context it could have made more impact, but needed a stronger contrast than was provided either by Maliphant or by Clarke's other piece, *Working Title*, where the main activity was tearing bits of paper from a screen and sticking them, reverse side up, on an adjoining noticeboard. This gradually turned two white spaces into blotches of colour, but was otherwise as pointless as Steve Martland's sub-Michael Nyman score, well played as this was by the Smith Quartet.

The Slovenian company **Betontanc**, from Ljubljana, established a more active mood among its six performers, based on the aggressive, sulky style made fashionable by Jan Fabre and Wim Vandekeybus. Themes of rape, violence, sexual provocation and suspicion ran through it, without ever making clear any overriding purpose or the meaning of the title, *Every Word a Gold Coin's Worth*.

Still, the movement, directed by Matjaz Pograjc, was cleverly deployed within a deliberately and increasingly limited space, and strongly put over by the young cast.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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Raising the tone raises the profile

Peter Lewis reports that Leeds will be celebrating the centenary of its city status with confidence as a cultural pace-setter



GUZELIAN

Credited by many locals with the sea-change in official attitudes to the arts: councillor Bernard Atha, in front of a Henry Moore sculpture outside Leeds Art Gallery

For those living south of Watford, the name of Leeds may evoke "United" or Arthur Daley's building society — certainly not the arts. They may be surprised to learn that in honour of the centenary tomorrow of the granting of its city charter, Leeds is celebrating with a year-long programme of music, opera, sculpture, drama and dance events that would be ambitious in a capital city. Leeds has certainly had a change of attitude to the arts since the 1950s when, to its shame, it disbanded the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra because it begrudged its cost.

This cultural darkness was broken by private initiatives such as the Leeds Piano Competition in the 1960s and a playhouse established in temporary premises in the 1970s. Opera North, originally a branch of English National Opera, took on independent life in Leeds in 1981. A Henry Moore sculpture gallery opened in the 1980s and a brand new West Yorkshire Playhouse in 1990. The latest addition is the Yorkshire Dance Centre, in a vast converted warehouse that is the envy of London dance companies.

Local people attribute the city council's conversion to the initiative and political skills of one man, Bernard Atha, who is masterminding the centenary celebrations. Variously described as a maverick and a Yorkshire character, he has none of the weighty self-importance with which J.B. Priestley endowed Yorkshire councillors. In fact he trained as a ballet dancer as well as a barrister and once auditioned for Dame Marie Rambert alongside John Gilpin. His dancing career turned out to be on the variety stage in a song and dance act. Later he turned actor and appeared in cameo parts in *Kes* and many television serials.

Since becoming a city councillor he has fought for the arts as chairman of council committees and of most local arts bodies. "He's a great fighter," and "he's out to improve life for everyone in Leeds", I was repeatedly told. The fruit of his persistence is the fact that Leeds spends £6 million a year supporting arts organisations, and has not cut its grants because of recession.

> 'You need to promote the arts as part of the city's regeneration'

Atha himself is under no illusion that you can get this kind of cultural funding without any *quid pro quo*. "To get money spent on the arts you need to promote them as part of the city's economic regeneration. Wave that wand and people will listen. It has come to be realised by successive council leaders that Leeds was failing to be a great city because its environment was so dirty and its cultural life so impoverished.

"Thirty years ago, Leeds was renowned for filth and philistinism. People who visit it today are agreeably surprised. The filth has been banished by the Clean Air Act and the philistinism has been replaced by a rich and diverse cultural life."

In the 1970s the dilapidated Grand Theatre and Opera House was threatened with demolition by developers. Atha persuaded the council to buy and restore it at the very moment the ENO was looking for a base in the north. The fact that Leeds could offer a theatre and a grant was decisive in sending it there instead of to Manchester. Even so, many doubted that there was a local audience big enough to support an opera company. They were swiftly proved wrong. Including its tours, Opera North plays to between 160,000 and 200,000 customers a year.

"It was the potential — the two million people who live within 30 minutes' drive — that brought me here ten years ago," says Nicholas Payne, the artistic director, who moves to the Royal Opera House this year. "There's a special bond between the company and its audience in Leeds which every visiting director and conductor remarks on."

Opera North gets £1 million in grants from Leeds and West Yorkshire. No other opera company gets as much from a local authority. "The current thinking is that you make your city culturally dynamic in order to attract people to move here," says Payne. "But we are dedicated to the proposition that people do not deserve second best because this is Leeds."

As its contribution to the celebrations Opera North is currently giving an acclaimed *Don Carlos*, to be followed by *La Gioconda* (a Ponchielli opera not seen in Britain since the war), *Wozzeck* and next autumn *Eugene Onegin*. Its orchestra, which gives 30 concerts a year as the English Northern Philharmonia, has just premiered a violin concerto by Howard Blake, commissioned for the centenary.

Other commissions include two new ballets from the Northern Ballet Theatre, to be premiered at the Grand on February 27. The Leeds-based Phoenix Dance Company is contributing a new piece and so is the Northern School of Contemporary Dance.

In the two years since Leeds built it the West Yorkshire Playhouse has become a magnet for community activities as well as housing two very successful theatres. On a grant of £1.4 million it produces 16 shows a year, more than any other theatre except the National and RSC.

The centenary programme includes Beckett's *Happy Days* opening next week with Prunella Scales as Winnie and, in April, its first Shakespeare production, *The Taming of the Shrew* directed by Jude Kelly, who takes over as chief executive this year from the founding director William Weston.

But Leeds's newest arts building stands plumb in the city centre, still under scaffolding. Alongside the familiar tower of the town hall, the Henry Moore Institute will present a plain frontage of black polished granite. Behind its façade are 20,000 square feet of gallery space and a sculpture study centre fitted into three converted 19th-century wool merchants' warehouses. Connected to the city art gallery's fine modern sculpture collection, it is also within half an hour's drive of the Dean Clough sculpture studio at Halifax and the open-air Yorkshire Sculpture Park at Wakefield.

"Our aim is to make this area a centre for sculpture study and research unequalled in this country, or indeed the world," says Robert Hopper, its director. Financed by the Henry Moore Foundation (Moore was a Leeds art student), it will open on April 27 with a show of 12th-century carved figures rescued from York Minster and Lincoln Cathedral and never seen in close-up before.

Next September the triennial Leeds International Piano Competition reaches its 30th anniversary. The £57,000 prize money has been increased this year by Alexander Rachmaninov, who is awarding £10,000 for the best performer of his grandfather's music. Fanny Waterman, the dynamic Leeds piano teacher who established the competition in 1963 with the then Countess of Harewood, says: "Rachmaninov chose our competition in preference to the Tchaikovksy in Moscow because of the calibre of our contestants. To win at Leeds opens every international door."

Citizens whose taste runs to other kinds of entertainment have not been forgotten. There is to be a reggae festival, a mass demonstration by a thousand European jugglers, a pub-piano competition, and tomorrow, to mark the day, the biggest urban funfair in the country opens at the civic centre. "The idea is to use the centenary to sell a better perception of Leeds," says Atha, "but it's also to see everyone here has a damn good time."

OPERA IN MILAN: a rare La Scala revival of a late work by Bellini



A scene from Beatrice di Tenda at La Scala: "a brilliantly executed Piero della Francescan dream-world where each scene fades into the next. It looks lovely but hardly helps to focus the drama"

Long on tunes, if no more

Set in Lombardy in the 15th century, *Beatrice di Tenda* still seems topical there today, although the examining magistrates have not yet uncovered corruption to equal that of the Milanese politician in the opera. Having married for power and money, he consolidates his position by getting a compliant judiciary to condemn his wife on fraudulent charges of adultery and subversion. If Peter Sellars directed the opera he would surely cast it with bumptious men in smart grey suits.

Composed between *Norma* and *I Puritani*, *Beatrice* is Bellini's penultimate opera and should have been one of his best. But it had to be written in haste, and in spite of being sung by the legendary Giuditta Pasta the first performance was a complete fiasco for which Bellini and his librettist Felice Romani bitterly blamed each other. By common agreement, they were both right.

Romani delivered his treatment of the unusual story (the heroine loves no one!) only a couple of weeks before curtain up, and Bellini could do little more than routinely apply the well-honed tools of his trade: there are examples of his "long long long melodies" — as Verdi admiringly called them — but they are neither as memorable nor as apposite as those in his more famous operas.

What Bellini does display in *Beatrice* is his skill in writing for soprano, and La Scala's new production features two strongly contrasted singers who alternate in the title role. Both are able to make one overlook the improbability of the allegro maestoso to which the heroine trips happily to her doom.

Cecilia Gasdia maintains perfect musical poise while spinning intricate silver threads of sound that never slacken, although her voice ultimately lacks the full range of colour for Beatrice's plight. Lucia Aliberti oozes colour and pathos and is mistress of the floated pianissimo and the flash of coloratura lightning, but she has still to learn to let her phrases flow freely and stop worrying them like a dog with a bone.

Vincenzo La Scola and Roberto Frontali are excellent as the virtuous tenor and villainous baritone. The conductor, Marcello Viotti, is sensitive to the singers but fails to tame the rhythmically wayward Scala chorus.

The director-designer is Pierluigi Pier' Alli, who provides a brilliantly executed Piero della Francescan dream-world where each scene fades into the next. It looks lovely but hardly helps to focus the drama. Regrettably, he has also encouraged the performers to believe they are taking part in a picture: frozen gestures just look silly.

NIGEL JAMIESON

CONCERTS: Henze's Fifth Symphony in Liverpool and Haydn's *Creation* in London

Modern welcome on Merseyside

Where **Matthias Bamert** goes, lively programmes are likely to follow. Even so, it was surprising, alarming even, to find Hans Werner Henze's Fifth Symphony in a series designed for bulk ticket sales at competitively low prices and intended to fill the same hall three times for the same concert in three days. As ever, the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra's** Industrial Series audience took the programme on trust and, though their reactions to the symphony were scarcely enthusiastic, they gave it a fair hearing.

Written for Leonard Bernstein in 1962, Henze's Fifth Symphony is actually an attractive work, abounding in rhythmic energy and shapely in melodic line. It is also complex in texture, with contrapuntal voices and instrumental colours so finely balanced that it must take far more than the average rehearsal time to get it right.

The first of Bamert's three performances with the RLPO was admirable for the momentum it sustained in the outer movements and the impression of suspended time in the central adagio, but it was not always clear what was going on and where the motivation was coming from — not least because of consistently over-dominant trumpets, which seemed to find an amplifying reflection in the acoustic and to insist on exploiting it.



Hans Werner Henze: his Fifth Symphony is an attractive work, abounding in rhythmic energy and shapely in melodic line

The Romantic compensation for the modern symphony was not one of the warhorses of the repertoire but Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto in G minor. Though no longer the inevitable item it was in its composer's day — pianos automatically went on playing it after the pianists had gone home, Berlioz once complained — it deserves more attention than it currently receives.

If it were always to be heard in such a well turned-out performance as **Howard Shelley** gave it here, with a beautifully intimate slow movement and a dashing finale, it would undoubtedly soon be back among the popular favourites.

Orchestral balance was not ideal in the Mendelssohn, either. Happily, in Matthias Bamert's selection of movements from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* ballet — which corresponds to none of the composer's three suites but which, by observing a more or less Shakespearean order, is a very satisfying compilation — colouring was either scrupulously prepared or spontaneously inspired. Certainly, it was an engaging performance, imprecise in string ensemble perhaps, but distinguished by some lovely woodwind solos and as dramatic as it was moving.

GERALD LARNER



Roger Norrington: was a late substitute for Klaus Tennstedt

Different but no less valid

The substitution of **Roger Norrington** for an ailing Klaus Tennstedt in two performances of *The Creation* obviously brought a different view of Haydn from what the **London Philharmonic** first intended, but one not less valid as a celebration of the oratorio's engaging spirit. In his own "Haydn Experience" a few years ago, the conductor applied baroque techniques to *The Creation*, but here they were straightforwardly classical.

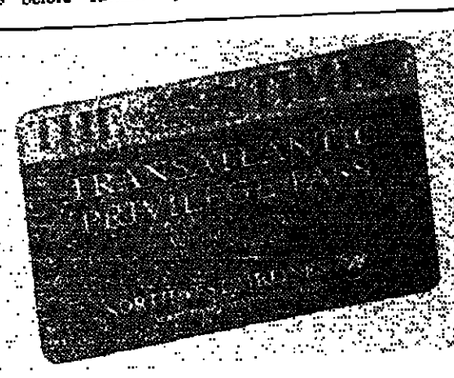
He had a relatively large **London Philharmonic Choir**, and an orchestra of requisite size with modest strings founded on four double-basses. That allowed clarity of articulation to become a prime quality of the performance, or at least it did after the first four days of the creation story, which sounded unduly stolid and even labour-intensive in bringing about the day and night, waters and dry land, from the initial chaos.

Once the living creatures began to appear, however, Haydn's pictorial illustrations became animated with captivating charm and instrumental colour, soaring with the birds of the air and plunging with the fish in the depths. The solo singers, standing on a small riser between first violins and neighbouring cellos within the orchestra, sounded much more part of the fabric as they described the wonders of divine creation.

Felicity Lott, a pure-voiced soprano Gabriel and later a rapturously winsome Eve, carolled joyfully with a keen rhythmic sense, and **Anthony Rolfe Johnson** was a tenor Uriel of vocal grace and feeling. **David Wilson-Johnson** was not the most sonorous Raphael in the deeper passages, but gave sensitive character to the later Adam, whose duet with Eve before the final chorus was most stylishly sung by both.

The soloists were given attentive and decorative support in recitative by a fortepiano (**Roderick Elms** the listed player), and choral grandeur at the other extreme was never lacking under the conductor's urgent beat, generating fresh admiration for Haydn's imposing part-writing.

NOEL GOODWIN



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Setting an example: President Bill Clinton plays beach volleyball in Santa Barbara



DAVID MILLER
Chief Sports Correspondent

Rio de Janeiro: At six in the morning, mid-summer, it is already 80°F here on Copacabana's sweeping crescent. The well-to-do, slim and olive-tanned take their walk through the crisp surf before breakfast while the heat is still tolerable. By seven, queues are already snaking across the dunes above the tide mark for entry to the finals of the beach volleyball World Series.

By ten, the temporary grandstand, accommodating 10,000 alongside the Aveneida Atlantica, is packed to the brim. Ample grandmothers sit at the ocean's edge, their carnation and turquoise bikinis no more concealing than those of their daughters and granddaughters, gently cool themselves by pouring jugs of seawater over their shoulders. The ad-hoc samba bands inside the arena are in full swing, football-style.

How Brazil loves its sport. Seventeen nations are competing in the sixth and final tournament of the 1992-3 series. This weekend, the international federation (FIVB) is hoping to persuade the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to include the pairs beach game, men and women, as an additional event in the Olympic Games. Sceptics may laugh, but this is serious stuff.

Kent Steffes and Sinjun Smith, from California, the outstanding men players, will each make more than $750,000, including personal endorsements, from the game this year. Guaranteed prize-money for the Rio tournament is $100,000, while the whole series, similar to the grand prix in athletics, carries additional aggregate prize-money of $200,000.

Such is the growing interest of sponsors and television, not only in America but also in Japan and Europe, that gross prize-money for the 1993-4 series, expanded to seven tournaments, will total more than $1 million. The men's first prize here on Sunday is $50,000 and $100,000 for the overall winners, not necessarily the same pair.

Rod McGeoch, leader of Sydney's bid to host the Games of 2000, and Zhenliang He, from Peking, an IOC executive board member, arrive today. Both cities have expressed a willingness to stage the event in 2000. So has Atlanta for 1996. Billy Payne, Atlanta's president and initially one of the sceptics, is another VIP who will be here to scrutinise the finals, as will Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC, and Philippe Chatrier, the chairman of the Olympic Programme Commission.

"We have great expectations," Reubén Acosta, of Mexico, the president of the FIVB, said yesterday. "We lodge our formal application in November. This is not an additional sport but an additional event to an existing sport, with thousands of participants all over the world. It does not require the building of giant concrete venues for the Olympics, possibly underused subsequently. It is environmentally harmless, because two days after these finals, the arena here will be gone and the beach restored to normal use."

The proposal for the Olympics is for a 24-pair men's tournament and a 16-pair women's event — a total of 80 competitors with the FIVB guaranteeing to administer the addition without extra officials on top of those handling the indoor conventional tournaments.

Acosta regards the event as being as eligible for inclusion as golf, making an inexpensive Olympic sport attainable for dozens of smaller nations from Central America, the Caribbean and Pacific. The Federation has 210 member nations — the largest Olympic sport, with seven more than athletics — 85 of which have a beach volleyball section.

The World Series began in 1987. There are 400 full-time pairs in the men's game, about 150 women's pairs, with the United States, Brazil and Australia, predictably at present, the dominant countries. Yet this week has already demonstrated a mounting challenge from others such as Denmark, Norway and Russia. The Brazilian federation, led by Carlos Nuzman — who also leads the Brasilia bid to host the Games in 2000 — has a national beach circuit at 16 cities.

Star attractions this weekend are the legendary Isobelle Salgado, a 32-year-old Brazilian mother of four and a member of the 1984 Olympic indoor squad, and Jackie Silva — formerly a beach pair, but now playing separately. Salgado is on court here in the morning and then catches a shuttle flight to São Paulo to take compete for Blue Life in the São Paulo indoor league in the evening.

If an objective of the Olympic Games is to bring the most popular sports of the largest numbers of participants into focus, then beach volleyball is worthy of more consideration than ever can be synchronised swimming, women's pole vault, rhythmic gymnastics or throwing the hammer.

Hunter makes way for younger Underwood

Barnes called in as Andrew pays for England's failure

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time since he made his international debut in 1984, Stuart Barnes will start a five nations' championship match when he plays for England against Scotland at Twickenham on March 6. Barnes, the Bath stand-off half, has been preferred to Rob Andrew in the team named yesterday, the most significant of two changes to the XV beaten by Wales.

Indeed, England's precipitate announcement for a fixture nearly a month away upstaged the Welsh confirmation that they will field an unchanged team against Scotland at Murrayfield on February 20. Not only has Barnes, in some ways the *enfant terrible* of English rugby, been included, but Tony Underwood has replaced not his older brother, Rory, but Ian Hunter, on the right wing.

England may be predictable on the pitch, but they retain their capacity for surprise off it. Andrew's demotion, after 52 caps, would probably not have happened but for the implementation by the Senior Clubs Association of a 120-day requalification period after his return to Wasps from Toulouse in October — a decision ironically upheld by the Rugby Football Union's competitions sub-committee.

Geoff Cooke, the England manager, called the selectors together on Wednesday night to pre-empt any unsettling speculation. "Now the players brought in can prepare themselves mentally for the game and the two we have left out can reflect on their roles in the squad," he said.

Barnes last played international rugby in Fiji in 1988. The first of his eight caps came against Australia in 1984, since when four more have been earned as a replacement full back, three of them in the championship. His career was disrupted by his refusal in 1987 to occupy the replacements bench (something he has done 23 times) and in 1989 by his preference to play only for Bath, but he returned last year as the captain of England B.

"I think that they will want me to generate some sparks and make things happen in the backline," Barnes, 30, said. "It's up to me now. I have stated my case, that I think I am the best, and I have got to show I can get the line operating better than Rob."

Even so his chance comes because Andrew, 30 next week, is the scapegoat for the midfield as a whole: a pallid performance in Cardiff embraced both centres. "Barnes deserves his chance to see if he can bring more out of the backs, who under-performed against Wales," Cooke said. "Rob has had lots of opportunities." Andrew will not have to wait long to try to prove the selectors wrong: he and Barnes will face each other the week after the game with Scotland, when Wasps play Bath in the game that might well identify the winners of the first division.

Alan Davies, the Wales coach, reiterated yesterday the view of his team that they were certain that England's backs, ball in hand, would not score. That is the primary justification for a change at No. 10: for all that they know his qualities, the Scots cannot be certain what Barnes will do. He gives England greater prospect of variation, and should he prove successful in opposition to Craig Chalmers, he may also catapult himself into the British Isles tour party to New Zealand.

Hunter is remarkably unlucky. Three tries from three internationals playing out of his club position of full back is no bad return, and if he was off colour against Wales, so were others. "Tony Underwood has something a bit special," Cooke said. "He has dynamic qualities. It's hard on Hunter but not terminal. He will come again."

It must be hoped the younger Underwood will not suffer any damage in a ten-a-side tournament in Kuala Lumpur this weekend for the Penguins. "I'm ecstatic," he said. "I was resigned to pushing for a Lions place from the A team."

TEAMS

ENGLAND (v Scotland, March 6): J M Webb (Bath, 31 caps), T Underwood (Leicester 2), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain, 40), J C Guscott (Bath 28), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF 58); S Barnes (Bath, 8), G D Morris (Orrell 13), J Leonard (Harlequins, 23), B C Moore (Harlequins, 43), J A Probyn (Wasps, 35), M C Teague (Moseley, 25), M C Bayfield (Northampton, 10), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers, 53), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins, 56), B B Clarke (Bath, 3). Replacements: I Hunter (Northampton, 3), C R Andrew (Wasps, 52), S M Bates (Wasps, 1), V E Ubogu (Bath, 2), C J Olver (Northampton, 3), T A K Rodber (Northampton, 2)

WALES (v Scotland, Feb 20): M A Rayer (Cardiff, 6 caps); I C Evans (Llanelli, captain, 33), I S Gibbs (Swansea, 15), M R Hall (Cardiff, 23), W T Proctor (Llanelli, 2); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd, 9), R N Jones (Swansea, 44); R L Evans (Llanelli, 1), N Meek (Pontypool, 1), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police, 7), E W Lewis (Llanelli, 12), G O Llewellyn (Neath, 13), A H Copsey (Llanelli, 6), R E Webster (Swansea, 10), S Davies (Swansea 6). Replacements: A Clement (Swansea, 19), R H St J B Moon (Llanelli, 0), A Lamerton (Llanelli, 0), J D Davies (Neath, 2), A Reynolds (Swansea, 2), P A Kawulok (Cardiff, 0)

Saunders primes her rising stars



Words of encouragement: Saunders has fine prospects for the new Times series

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

THE progression of Rushing Wild through the ranks from point-to-pointing to leading Gold Cup candidate in the last year has given a timely reminder of the importance of the amateur side of the sport to the jumping calendar.

With that in mind, The Times Rising Stars series, which commences on Tuesday at Towcester, should provide the ideal springboard for horses to graduate from the point-to-point arena.

Restricted to six to eight-year-olds who are qualified to run in point-to-points, the series therefore bars the professional stables which often pick up hunter chases, and gives a chance to the smaller amateur yards.

Certainly that is the view of one of the leading point-to-point trainers, Caroline Saunders, who said: "The conditions of the race should encourage people to say 'He's won an open, let's have a go in a hunter chase'."

Saunders has dominated hunter chases at Towcester in recent years, and has three entries.

With the ground at Towcester at present soft, the weather will determine her running plans. Royal Day, ridden by his owner Richard Russell, acts on any going and is likely to run in preference to Russell's other entry, Chergo, while Alpha One, who won a point-to-point at Heythrop last Saturday, will take part only if the ground dries.

Saunders is likely to play a leading role throughout the series. Among several promising young horses in her care, the best may prove to be Overheard, an Irish import.

The winner of his only start in Ireland last year, he won by a distance when partnered by his owner, Johnny Greenall, on his debut in this country at Cottenham. His trainer is full of hope for him, saying: "He has enormous potential, and should run later in the series."

While Grittar and Spartan Missile have performed with distinction in the Grand National in recent years, it is nearly 20 years since a hunter chaser went on to take the Gold Cup at Cheltenham, when The Dikler won in 1973.

The omens are that The Times Rising Stars series can provide the platform for further such success.

THE TIMES RISING STARS

Russell holds the key

RICHARD Russell has both of his last year's Irish purchases, Chergo and Royal Day, among 13 entries at Towcester on Tuesday for the first qualifier in The Times Rising Stars series (Brian Beel writes).

Chergo fell in a hunter chase at Dundalk, but had previously run up a sequence of five successes in Irish point-to-points, including one at County Down where Royal Day was also a winner. This season, Chergo finished third to Alpha One, another entry for the race, in the open at the South Midlands Hunt Club meeting.

The previous week, Royal Day made his debut in this country and was in close contention until fading rapidly two fences from home in a division of the mixed open at Tweseldown.

Crown Royale has finished second in a novice hunter chase at Stratford, but on her return to racing between the flags at Ottery St Mary three weeks ago, she was last of nine finishers in the open. Frome Boy has won four point-to-points.

FOR THE RECORD

BOXING

LEWISHAM: Commonwealth bantamweight championship: Johnny Armour (Chatham, holder) bt Morgan Mcande (Cam), pts. Light-welterweight: Jason Rowland (West Ham) ko Seph Jones (Ovilnyn), 2nd rnd. Light-welter: Dean Hollington (West Ham) bt John O'Johnston (Nottingham), pts. Feather: Kevin Middleton (Downham) ko Chris Jickell (Brigg), 1st rnd. Super-middle: Mark Baker (Sidcup) bt Paul Hanlon (Birmingham), rsc 2nd rnd. Fly: M Cantwell (Eltham) drew with Louis Veitch (Boston).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

SMETANA
(b) (A sauce) made with sour cream and seasonings, usually served with meat, from the Russian *smetána* sour cream. *smetat* to sweep together. collect; Ian Fleming *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*: "Rehrücken mit Sahne. That's saddle of roebuck with a smetana sauce." "Smetana sauce: pour a cup of thick sour cream into the pan, let it just brown, and then pour over steaks."

MESONOMIC
(a) A *jural* relation which does not directly affect the natural physical freedom of a human being with the support of the law but yet has legal consequences in its evolution, from the Greek *mesos* middle + *nomos* law: A. Kocourek: "Compared with zygonomic relations, mesonomic relations are inferior in legal potency. A zygonomic relation directly constrains the servus of the relation with the support of the law, but a mesonomic relation either does not constrain the servus directly or lacks the support of the law." Phew! Lawyers!

CON SORDINO
(c) With the mute or damper, a musical direction, from the Italian: "Yet this festival opera ends pianissimo and con sordino." "It is not by tootling to him con sordino that Lady Macbeth makes Macbeth say 'Bring forth men children only'."

PELOID
(b) Muddy, claylike, from the Greek *pêlos* mud, used to describe cosmetics: "The word peloid should be used as a generic name for all forms of muds, moors etc. Artificial preparations might be described as artificial peloids." "This invention relates to a method for the manufacture of therapeutically effective agents for peloids, which term is here intended to mean bog peat, organic slimes, muds, clays formed by weathering, marl and the like."

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FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: West Ham 0, Millwall 2.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Mexico 2, Romania 0 (in Monterrey).

Late results on Wednesday

COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Blackburn 2, Sheffield Wednesday 4.
PREMIER LEAGUE: Arsenal 0, Wimbledon 1; Chelsea 0, Liverpool 0; Crystal Palace 1, Aston Villa 0; Everton 1, Tottenham 2; Southampton 3, Norwich 0
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Derby 3, Barnsley 0; Southend 1, Bristol City 1
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead 0, Stafford 1.
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth-round replays: Hibernian 1, Cowdenbeath 1; St Johnstone 1, Kilmarnock 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE. Second division: Arbroath 3, Stenhousemuir 2, East Stirling 2, Berwick 0
FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 0, Sochaux 3, Le Havre 1, Marseilles 3; Lens 1, Nantes 0; Lyons 2, Valenciennes 1, Metz 0, Lille 0, AS Monaco 0, Bordeaux 0, Nimes 1, St Etienne 1, Paris Saint-Germain 1, Montpellier 0; Toulon 0, Strasbourg 2, Toulouse 1, Caen 1.
ITALIAN CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Parma 1, Juventus 1 (Juventus win 3-2 on agg); Internazionale 0, AC Milan 3 (Milan win 3-0 on agg); Torino 3, Lazio 2 (Torino win 5-4 on agg)
DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Twente Enschede 1, Willem II Tilburg 0, Fortuna Sittard 1, Ajax 4.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Charterhouse 4, Godalming Coll 4. Oratory 2, KCS, Wimbledon 1.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Portugal 1, Norway 1 (in Faro)
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Millwall 3, Brighton 0.
EUROPEAN SUPER CUP. First leg: Werder Bremen 1, Barcelona 1
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United 1, Leeds United 2, Notts County 1, Sheffield United 0, Sunderland 4, Newcastle United 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Fulham 1, Charlton 2, Swindon 0, Portsmouth 3, Tottenham 2, Queens Park Rangers 0.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Wrexham 3, Colwyn Bay 1
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 0, Dulwich 2; Grays 4, Bromley 1
League Cup: Molesey 3, Tooting and Mitcham 0.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Whitby Town 5, Durham City 0. Second division: Ashington 4, Bedlington Terriers 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Weymouth 1, Burnham 2
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon Town 6, Elmore 0
ENGLISH ADIDAS TROPHY: Hereford and Worcestershire 1, Staffordshire 1; Nottinghamshire 7, Lincolnshire 0. English Mens Under-19 Trophy: Second round: Chichester Coll 6, Abingdon Coll 4. Lancing Coll 7, Coopers, Essex 1, Delaselle, Liverpool 2, Burton Coll 1, Xaverian Coll, Manchester 0, High Pavement Coll, Nottingham 0

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Men: Manchester 75, Birmingham 79
EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final group series: Group A: Cibona Zagreb (Cro) 58, Limoges 62. Group B: Orthez (Fr) 67, Real Madrid 70

GOLF

LA QUINTA, California: Bob Hope Classic: Leading first-round scores (all US): 63: D Rummells, 65: M Hayes, N Henke, D Hammond 66: J Haas, P Persons, R Dalpos, G Wade, C Stadler, C Strange, B Clear, J Edwards, J Cook, R Fehr 67: K Gibson, D Trader, T Hale, M Carnevale, F Funk, B Estes, M Donald, M Standly, R Black, H Green, J Huston, R Freeman
HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open: Leading first-round scores: 63: B Watts (US) 66: R Stewart (Can), 67: Lu Hsi-chuen (Tai), R Backwell (Aus), R Karlsson (Swe), M Aoki (Japan), J Kemphan (US), B Cancer (US), M Wurtz (US), G Shed (GB), D Mijovic (Can). Other scores: 72, T Watson (US), D Feherty (GB) 74: S Ballesteros (Sp).
KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian women's open: Leading first-round scores: 64: S Prosser (GB), 70: Y De Leon (Phil), 71: M Lunn (Aus), 72: L De Paulo (US), J L Rais (US), H Wadsworth (GB), F Dassu (It), Ho Po-Hsia (China), M Bertilskold (Swe).

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Luton (7.30)

OTHER SPORT
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley Conference Centre).
TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Sunderland)

ATHLETICS

GHENT: International indoor meeting: Winners: Men: 60m: B Johnson (Can), 6.65sec. 200m: M Bates (US), 20.90. 400m: A race: S Diagana (Fr), 46.80. B race: A Mate (GB), 47.27. 800m: T McKean (GB), 1min 47.83sec. 3,000m: K Skah (Mor), 7:39.67. 60m hurdles: A Blake (US), 7.65sec. Pole vault: W Payne (US), 5.70m. Long jump: M Sjombok (Cz), 7.86. Women: 60m: M Otney (Jam), 7.05sec. 200m: G Malchugina (Rus), 22.89. 400m: S Richards (Jam), 52.82, 3, S Gunnell (GB), 53.15. 800m: Y Alanasyeva (Russ), 2min 02.02sec. 60m hurdles: J Baumann (Switz), 8.06sec. High jump: D Janceiwicz (Pol), 1.87m. Long jump: Y Sanchukova (Russ), 6.71

CRICKET

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL: West Indies 149, South Africa 150-4 (in Port Elizabeth).

SKIING

MORIOKA, Japan: World championships: Downhill: Men: 1, U Lehmann (Switz), 1min 32.06sec; 2, A Skaardal (Nor), 1.32.66; 3, A J Kitt (US), 1:32.98; 4, L Alphand (Fr), 1:32.99; 5, T Mee (US), 1:33.09; 6, D Rey (Fr), 1:33.20. British placings: 29, M Bell, 1.34.88; 32, G Bell, 1.34.95. Women: 1, K Pace (Can), 1.27.38; 2, A Loedermel (Nor), 1.27.68; 3, A Hess (Austria), 1.27.84; 4, K Seizinger (Ger), 1.27.85; 5, M Vogt (Ger), 1.28.13; 6, U Stanggassinger (Ger), 1.28.16

SWIMMING

MALMÖ: World Cup event: Winners: Men: 200m individual medley: J Stevinen (Fin), 1min 55.99sec (world record). 200m freestyle: A Holmertz (Swe), 1.46.38. 100m breaststroke: P Suominen (Fin), 1:00.78. 100m butterfly: D Lbader (NZ), 53.26sec. 50m backstroke: Z Hagmegi (Swe), 25.97. 50m freestyle: I Sol (Est), 22.64. 200m backstroke: V Solkov (Russ), 1min 54.82sec. 1,000m freestyle: E Sadovy (Russ), 9.53.17. Women: 100m freestyle: S O'Neill (Aus), 55.04sec (Commonwealth record). 50m breaststroke: S Riley (Aus), 32.26. 100m backstroke: Y Kolkawa (Japan), 1min 01.49sec; 3, H Statter, 1.03.33. 200m butterfly: S O'Neill (Aus), 2:09.05. 400m freestyle: O Kirichenko (Russ), 4.09.23. 200m breaststroke: A Peczak (Pol), 2.28.05. 100m individual medley: L Karlsson (Swe), 1.01.72. 50m butterfly: L Karlsson (Swe), 27.72sec. 1,000m freestyle: O Kuznetsova (Russ), 10min 48.12sec

TENNIS

MILAN: Men's tournament: First round: M Stich (Ger) bt K Novacek (Cz), 4-6, 7-6, 6-0; B Becker (Ger) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 7-6, 6-3. Second round: M Larsson (Swe) bt S Pescosolido (It), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; O Camporese (It) bt S Edberg (Swe), 7-6, 2-6, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt R Krajicek (Holl), 6-4, 7-6.
MEMPHIS, Tennessee: Men's tournament: Second round: A Mansdorf (Isr) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-0; J Eltingh (Holl) bt F Clavet (Sp), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; C Adams (US) bt J Grabb (US), 6-4, 7-6; B Gilbert (US) bt L Hjerrera (Mex), 6-4, 7-6; J Stark (US) bt P Haarhuis (Holl), 6-4, 6-4, D Randall (US) bt M Washington (US), 7-6, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-3, 6-4, K Braasch (Ger) bt L Mattar (Bri), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, M Chang (US) bt N Borwik (Aus), 6-4, 7-5.
CHICAGO: Women's tournament: First round: E Reinach (SA) bt K Adams (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-3. Second round: B Schultz (Holl) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-1, 6-2; I Majoli (Cro) bt T Whatlinger (US), 7-6, 6-4, K Maleeva (Bul) bt M Werdel (US), 6-0, 6-1. M Navratilova (US) bt R Fairbank-Nideffer (US), 6-4, 6-4.
EASTBOURNE: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament: Second round: T Kempers (Holl) bt P Boutave (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; S Hetts (Fr) bt H Pritzr (Austria), 6-3, 6-3; F Cousin (Fr) bt M Barnard (SA), 6-2, 7-6. M Petchey (GB) bt A Foster (GB), 6-3, 6-0

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Wednesday: Workington 42, Barrow 8.
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Wednesday: Leeds 2, Castleford 28

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Oxford University 17, Army 21; Moseley 50, Universidad D 12

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Bad Gastein	20	120	fair	thin	sunny	2	28/1
(Valley runs in Angertal and Graukogel open, but poor)							
Ischgl	15	130	good	firm	sunny	3	28/1
(Good snow cover on a firm base; entire ski area open)							
Kitzbühel	5	60	fair	bare	sunny	3	29/1
(Best snow above mid-station; Pass Thurn recommended)							
Lech	30	105	good	icy	sunny	3	28/1
(Still good skiing on hard snow; all lifts open)							
Oberau	20	100	good	slick	sunny	2	28/1
(Still good snow throughout the Wildschoenau)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	25	250	variable	icy	sunny	5	27/1
(Hardpacked snow above mid-station; 56 lifts open)							
Courchevel	75	175	mixed	slick	sunny	4	28/1
(Good skiing above 1,900m; best on La Saulire)							
La Clusaz	10	160	mixed	icy	sunny	4	27/1
(Middle and upper still good; patchy on lower)							
Montgenevre	40	85	fair	icy	sunny	5	9/2
(Hardpacked at most levels, bare patches on lower)							
Val d'Isère	100	165	good	good	sunny	3	28/1
(Excellent throughout L'Espace Killy; artificial snow)							
ITALY							
Cortina	10	70	fair	icy	sunny	2	9/12
(Dry, compact snow on upper runs; snow cannon in use)							
Livigno	40	130	fair	icy	sunny	-3	27/1
(Cold temperatures maintaining cover; 40 kilometres of cross country)							
Selva	10	50	fair	patchy	sunny	7	9/12
(Hard snow with icy patches; all lifts in Val Gardena open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Klosters	20	175	mixed	icy	sunny	0	28/1
(Good snow on upper runs; slick below mid-station)							
Saas Fee	25	210	good	spring	sunny	2	28/1
(Still good skiing on hardpacked snow; all lifts open)							
Villars	15	35	mixed	wet	sunny	7	27/1
(Slider-packed snow; reasonable above mid-station)							
Zermatt	50	160	good	thinning	sunny	2	28/1
(Great skiing around glacier level; link with Italy open)							
UNITED STATES							
Aspen	120	140	good	good	cloudy	-2	10/2
(Entire ski area open; powder snow on firm base)							

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Arkle colours to grace Cheltenham festival stage again

Cherrykino strengthens cup claim

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

CHERRYKINO, a distant relation of the legendary Arkle, yesterday thrust himself into the Cheltenham Gold Cup picture with a performance which confirmed him as the fastest improving chaser in training.

Carrying the famous yellow and black colours of Anne Duchess of Westminster, the Tim Forster-trained eight-year-old looked mightily impressive as he powered home by two lengths from Bradbury Star, with Garrison Savannah, the 1991 Gold Cup winner, 15 lengths away in third.

William Hill cuts his Gold Cup odds from 40-1 to 25-1, while Ladbrokes were even more impressed and go 20-1.

Cherrykino, whose grand dam was a half-sister to Arkle, is now unbeaten in his last six races, stretching back almost a year. After starting off the season with an official rating of 109, he had been raised to 130 prior to yesterday's Racing in Wessex Chase.

With Bradbury Star and Garrison Savannah officially rated ten and 18lb higher, Cherrykino had to improve again to feature in such exalted company, even in receipt of 6lb.

A mistake at the third fence saw him knocked back to last place but, with Wingspan setting a furious pace, Hywel Davies dare not let Cherrykino take time to recover from the error.

"We were going so quick I could not afford to let him pop the odd fence. I just dropped my hands and told him to do it. After nudging the third fence his jumping was brilliant. The further he goes, the better he goes," Davies said.

After touching down alongside Bradbury Star two fences out, Cherrykino forged ahead before putting in the quickest of jumps to confirm his superiority.

Forster, a renowned pessimist, decided the Gold Cup should be the target after winning at Chepstow last month. "I suggested it to the owner and she said: "Fancy that coming from you. I never thought I would hear the day when I heard you say that.' "

He added: "Obviously I will talk it over with the owner, but if the horse is all right, I would think he will take his chance. He has still got a bit to find."

With The Fellow rated 167, the "bit" in question is considerable but, given Cherrykino's style of running with its power-packed finish, it would not be the greatest surprise to see his name join that of his distinguished relation on the Gold Cup.

Nicky Henderson was left shaking his head in disbelief at the ups and downs of racing after Amtrak Express gained the most fortuitous of successes in the £17,500 Premiere Naional Hunt Auction Novices' hurdle.

Twenty four hours after Mutare died at Ascot, fortune smiled on the Lambourn trainer when Arcot fell at the last flight of hurdles while holding a winning lead to present the unexpected victory to Amtrak Express.

"It's a funny old game. You could not have been more depressed than we were last night and then we come here and win a good race, which we probably didn't deserve," he said.

Henderson has decided against running Travado at Newbury today and his Arkle hope will go straight to Cheltenham.

In common with some other horses in the yard, Travado is slightly below par.

Despite his absence, there should be some valuable festival pointers at the Berkshire course, most notably from **Beauchamp Grace** (3.00), who has thrived since joining David Nicholson from John Dunlop.

Oatis Regrets (4.30) has been impressive in each of his three victories this season, and can provide further success for Henrietta Knight.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Beauchamp Grace (3.00 Newbury)

Next best: Oatis Regrets (4.30 Newbury)



Forster: strong belief that progressive Cherrykino should take his chance in Cheltenham Gold Cup

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.00 Belstone Fox. 2.30 Springaleak. 3.00 Beauchamp Grace. 3.30 Pastoral Pride. 4.00 Mister Major. 4.30 Yorkshire Gale.

Brian Beel: 3.30 Pastoral Pride.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 INDIAN QUEST.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN HOME STRAIGHT) SIS

2.00 ALDERMASTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,492: 2m 1f) (4 runners)

101 F-22351 BELSTONE FOX 14 (D,G) (Mrs R Sloan) D Nicholson 8-11-8 R Dunwoody [illegible]
102 40/2353 JOHNNY WILL 23 (CD,G) (Lord Chelsea) Miss H Knight 8-11-4 J Osborne 91
103 036-0F2 JUMBEAU 20 (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 8-11-4 P Hide (5) 92
104 410-F02 KIBREET 28 (CD,F,G,S) (D Sinester) D Elsworth 6-11-4 P Holley 91

BETTING: 5-4 Belstone Fox, 2-1 Kibreet, 4-1 Johnny Will, Jumbeau.

1992: SPACE FAIR 9-11-8 A Maguire (10-1) R Lee 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELSTONE FOX beat Montpelier Lad neck in a 8-runner novice chase at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). JOHNNY WILL 9½l 3rd of 16 to Gay Ruffian in a novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, soft). JUMBEAU 5l 2nd of 9 to Rafiki in a novice chase at Warwick (2m, heavy), with BELSTONE FOX (4lb worse off) 38l 5th. KIBREET 8l 2nd of 3 to Valiant Boy in the grade II PML Lightning Novices' Chase at Ascot (2m, heavy).
Selection: BELSTONE FOX

2.30 HAMPSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,752: 3m) (7 runners)

201 1116-45 SPRINGALEAK 28 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 8-11-10 J Osborne 93
202 453-12P GIVUS A BUCK 46 (B,C,G,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 10-11-8 P Holley 96
203 114-13F CATCH THE CROSS 13 (V,D,F,G,S) (D Bessick) M Pipe 7-11-8 P Scudamore 91
204 2U026P SOONER STILL 20 (V,D,F,G,S) (P M Civil Eng Co Ltd) J Edwards 9-11-1 N Williamson [illegible]
205 R12F32 NORMAN CONQUEROR 11 (B,C,D,BF,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 8-10-13 S Smith Eccles 91
206 1113 TRAVELLING WRONG 39 (CD,BF,S) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 7-10-10 R Dunwoody 93
207 00-6034 RONANS BIRTHDAY 14 (D,F,G,S) (Greener Ltd) P Hobbs 11-10-4 Peter Hobbs 95

BETTING: 11-8 Travelling Wrong, 7-2 Givus A Buck, 5-1 Norman Conqueror, 11-2 Catch The Cross, 8-1 Springaleak, 12-1 others.

1992: TOM TROUBADOUR 9-10-3 D Murphy (7-2) J Gifford 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPRINGALEAK 17½l 4th of 11 to Country Member in a handicap chase over course and distance on penultimate start (good to soft). GIVUS A BUCK 4l 2nd of 10 to Duntree in a handicap chase at Cheltenham on penultimate start (3m 1f 110yd, soft). CATCH THE CROSS beat NORMAN CONQUEROR (4lb better off) 4l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Warwick on reappearance (2m 4f 110yd, soft). SOONER STILL 7l 3rd of 8 to Rowlandsons Jewels in a handicap chase at Doncaster in December (3m 2f, good). NORMAN CONQUEROR 12l 2nd of 6 to Heyflest in a handicap chase at Plumpton (2m 5f, soft). TRAVELLING WRONG beat Camelot Knight 2½l in a 10-runner novice chase at Cheltenham on penultimate start (3m 1f 110yd, soft). RONANS BIRTHDAY 6½l 3rd of 9 to Trapran Law in a handicap chase at Edinburgh on penultimate start (3m, good).
Selection: TRAVELLING WRONG

3.00 STROUD GREEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £4,230: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

301 21 DISSIMULATEUR 13 (D,G) (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) O Sherwood 11-5 J Osborne 88
302 01341 MAJOR BUGLER 13 (CD,S) (C Buckle) G Balding 11-5 P Scudamore 94
303 1 AMAZON EXPRESS 71F (D,G) (Mrs J Moss) R Akehurst 11-0 S McNeill 80
304 111 BEAUCHAMP GRACE 20 (D,S) (Million Partnership) D Nicholson 11-0 R Dunwoody 87
305 411 INDIAN QUEST 21 (D,S) (J L Racing) N Gaselee 11-0 C Llewellyn [illegible]
306 310182 MY SENOR 11 (CD,S) (I Macavoy) M Madgwick 11-0 H Davies 77
307 220 TOP SPIN 46 (J Long) J Jenkins 11-0 G Bradley 92
308 033 MADAM PICASSO 37 (R Scorgie) N Mitchell 10-9 G Upton –

BETTING: 5-4 Beauchamp Grace, 3-1 Indian Quest, 9-2 Dissimulateur, 6-1 Major Bugler, 10-1 Amazon Express, 14-1 others.

1992: NONE SO BRAVE 11-5 J Osborne (13-8 fav) R Akehurst 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DISSIMULATEUR beat Great Max 1l in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). Previously, 2½l 2nd of 17 to Kadi in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft), with MAJOR BUGLER (4lb better off) 2¼l 4th. MAJOR BUGLER beat Ivor's Flutter 1½l in a 6-runner grade II hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). AMAZON EXPRESS made a promising hurdling debut when beating Utrillo 15l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good). BEAUCHAMP GRACE beat Suez Canal a distance in a 6-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, heavy). Previously, beat Viardot 12l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, heavy). INDIAN QUEST beat Night Clubbing 2½l in an 11-runner novice hurdle at Kempton last time out (2m, soft). TOP SPIN 6l 2nd of 11 to Dare To Dream in a grade II hurdle at Lingfield on penultimate start (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: MAJOR BUGLER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	26	86	30.2	R Dunwoody	49	194	25.3
S Mellor	4	14	28.6	P Scudamore	32	128	25.0
T Thomson Jones	6	24	25.0	P Holley	10	53	18.9
O Sherwood	22	94	23.4	J Osborne	25	133	18.8
D Barons	9	43	20.9	M Perrett	14	75	18.7
T Forster	10	49	20.4	S Smith Eccles	5	31	16.1

3.30 CHARLES HIGGINS MEMORIAL FOXHUNTERS CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,590: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

401 840600- BLUE DART 307 (C,D,G,S) (D Alers-Hankey) T Forster 13-12-6 D Alers-Hankey (7) –
402 03312-2 CURAHEEN BOY 6 (D,F,G) (C Trietline) C Trietline 13-12-6 Miss J Butler (7) 79
403 22/121-U DUNCAN 8 (D,BF,F,G) (G Duncan) Miss C Saunders 8-12-6 A Sansome (7) 82
404 1/115P1- PASTORAL PRIDE 289 (D,G,S) (C Smith) Miss P Curling 9-12-6 Miss P Curling (7) [illegible]
405 20/P/00- WERPOOL 389 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Spooner) Mrs S Clarke 11-12-6 C Newport (7) –
406 48/01- GOOD WORD 289 (D,S) (Mrs F Vigors) Mrs F Vigors 11-12-2 C Vigors (7) 70
407 U42PP/ ALMERIMAR 683 (Mrs C Wright) C Wright 9-11-11 A Wood (7) –
408 85096/ MANGROVE 802 (S) (Mrs J Bailey) Mrs J Bailey 9-11-11 E Bailey (7) –
409 44/P423- STARLAP 276 (Mrs D La Trobe) Mrs A Farrant 9-11-11 C Gordon (7) 73

BETTING: 5-4 Pastoral Pride, 4-1 Duncan, 6-1 Blue Dart, Curaheen Boy, 8-1 Starlap, 12-1 Good Word, 25-1 others.

1992: SEE GARDEN 11-11-13 Mrs J Litson (14-1) Mrs J Litson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CURAHEEN BOY beat Sweatshirt a short head, disqualified and placed 2nd, in an 8-runner hunter chase at Stafford (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft), with DUNCAN unseating rider 5th. DUNCAN beat Quernin Lodge 25l in an 8-runner hunter chase at Doncaster on final start last season (2m 4f, good to firm). PASTORAL PRIDE beat Relekto 8l in a 12-runner hunter chase at Cheltenham on final start last season (2m, good to soft). GOOD WORD 6l 2nd in a mixed open at Tweseldown last month (3m, good). Beat STARLAP (5lb better off) 2l in a a 17-runner novice hunter chase at Cheltenham on final start last season (2m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: PASTORAL PRIDE

4.00 CRICKLADE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,850: 2m 5f) (11 runners)

501 1/45100- ONEUPMANSHIP 314 (G,S) (J Stott) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-12-0 A Procter (5) 89
502 24-5220 SNOWY LANE 20 (BF,G) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-7 P Scudamore 84
503 0/3132-6 PASHTO 20 (C,S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 6-11-6 R Dunwoody 87
504 53244-P PIPER'S SON 55 (F) (N Mills) M Bradstock 7-11-5 G Bradley 83
505 24235P MISTER MAJOR 20 (G) (B Keay) G Balding 5-10-12 J Frost 90
506 3143-62 PRIMITIVE SINGER 20 (C,F,S) (R Greco (Fine Paintings)) Miss H Knight 5-10-9 J Osborne 85
507 4-42822 VITAL WITNESS 10 (S) (H Blenkhorn) K Morgan 6-10-8 A S Smith 97
508 345021 METAL OISEAU 4 (B,G,S) (F Ivory) J Moore 5-10-7 (6ex) A Charlton 97
509 3/34313 ANDREW'S FIRST 10 (D,S) (J Hancock) M Wilkinson 6-10-0 C Llewellyn [illegible]
510 1400-F BOLL WEEVIL 116 (BF,G) (J Belsover) O Sherwood 7-10-0 M Richards 80
511 7/21/45 SKITTLE ALLEY 14 (G) (Mrs B Mayorcas) S Mellor 7-10-0 M Perrett 77

Long handicap: Boll Weevil 9-8, Skittle Alley 9-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Vital Witness, 4-1 Pashto, 5-1 Andrew's First, Snowy Lane, 8-1 Mister Major, 12-1 Metal Oiseau, 14-1 Primitive Singer, 16-1 Oneupmanship, 25-1 others.

1992: COKENNY BOY 7-10-10 M Bowlby (11-4 fav) Mrs J Pitman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SNOWY LANE ¾l 2nd of 8 to Musical Monarch in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). PIPER'S SON 11l 4th of 15 to Baron Bank in a grade II novice hurdle at Liverpool on final start last season (3m 1f, good). PRIMITIVE SINGER 10l 2nd of 12 to Katt in a handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good to soft), with PASHTO (2lb better off) 10¼l 6th. VITAL WITNESS 2l 2nd of 20 to Truth Be Told in a handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft), with ANDREW'S FIRST (7lb better off) 5l 3rd. METAL OISEAU beat Gallant Effort a short head in a 9-runner handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, good to soft).
Selection: PASHTO

4.30 FEBRUARY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,444: 2m 5f) (21 runners)

601 4-R2125 ROYAL PIPER 13 (S) (A Darlington) D Barons 6-12-0 J Frost [illegible]
602 32-U113 YORKSHIRE GALE 41 (CD,S) (B Naylor) J Gifford 7-12-0 P Hide (5) 95
603 404-215 CARRICK LANES 41 (BF,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 6-11-10 R Dunwoody 87
604 0-0031 CORACO 21 (S) (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 6-11-10 P Scudamore 86
605 3-111 OATIS REGRETS 29 (S) (D Gyle-Thompson) Miss H Knight 5-11-10 J Osborne 84
606 ADMIRAL VILLENEUVE (Mrs W Macaulay) C Egerton 5-11-6 J Duggan –
607 3P CARAGH BRIDGE 18 (P Moriarty) M Wilkinson 6-11-6 S J O'Neill 76
608 00P/60U- CASTLE ORCHARD 367 (P Hayward) P Hayward 9-11-6 Gee Armytage –
609 532- CLAIRON JUNIOR 329 (C Bird III) Mrs F Walwyn 6-11-6 B de Haan 81
610 022/06 COTSWOLD CASTLE 17 (G Brown) R Dickin 7-11-6 D Meredith (3) 77
611 4164 GORT 36 (S) (F Allison) Miss K Allison 5-11-6 M Hourigan (3) –
612 KILLURA (Mrs J Corbett) K Bailey 5-11-6 N Williamson –
613 0P KNIGHTSBRIDGE BC 36 (Knightsbridge BC) K Bailey 6-11-6 S McNeill –
614 1P-4P4P LAUNDRYMAN 62 (CD,G,S) (Burford Laundry Ltd) S Mellor 10-11-6 M Perrett 78
615 5/ LOUANDY T51 (T Davis) K Bailey 9-11-6 M Perrett –
616 0 ONE MORE RUN 28 (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 6-11-6 G Bradley 85
617 0 POLYNOGAN 60 (G Johnson) R Buckler 7-11-6 Peter Hobbs –
618 STORMING RUN (R Parkes) P Dalton 5-11-6 N Mann –
619 1-24 TURNING TRIX 28 (G) (M Davies) S Sherwood 6-11-6 H Davies 94
620 45 WATERFORD CASTLE 37 (Sybil Lady Joseph) N Gaselee 6-11-6 C Llewellyn 76
621 4/ ROSE OF THE GLEN 1038 (R Blackman) P McEntee 7-11-1 Philip McEntee (7) –

BETTING: 2-1 Yorkshire Gale, 3-1 Oatis Regrets, 6-1 Royal Piper, 8-1 Turning Trix, 12-1 Carrick Lanes, Coraco, 14-1 Admiral Villeneuve, Clairon Junior, 16-1 others.

1992: ASHFOLD COPSE 6-11-6 M Perrett (4-5 fav) G Harwood 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL PIPER 10l 2nd of 16 to Sassalito Boy in a novice handicap hurdle at Sandown on penultimate start (2m 6f, soft). YORKSHIRE GALE 35l 3rd of 7 to Lord Relic in a grade I novice hurdle over course and distance (soft). Previously, beat CARRICK LANES (4lb better off) 7l in an 8-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (soft). CORACO beat Leotard ¾l in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, soft). OATIS REGRETS beat Rocket Launcher 12l in a 16-runner novice hurdle at Wincanton last time out (2m, soft), with COTSWOLD CASTLE tailed-off 9th. CARAGH BRIDGE 10½l 3rd of 14 to Mazzocco in a maiden hurdle at Lingfield on penultimate start (2m 110yd, heavy). CLAIRON JUNIOR 3l 2nd of 22 to Fair Crossing in a maiden hurdle here in March (2m 4f 110yd, good). LAUNDRYMAN 11l 4th of 11 to Pollerton's Pride in a novice hurdle at Stratford on penultimate start (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). TURNING TRIX 7l 4th of 15 to Stormhead in a novice hurdle at Ascot last time out (2m 110yd, heavy), with ONE MORE RUN 8l 7th. WATERFORD CASTLE 4l 4th of 11 to May-Day-Baby in a novice hurdle at Folkestone on penultimate start (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: OATIS REGRETS (nap)

Piggott on mark with double in Dubai

LESTER Piggott completed a double at the Jebel Ali racecourse in Dubai yesterday, the second day of his riding comeback. Piggott, twice second at the Nad Al Sheba track, also in Dubai, on Wednesday, fractured his collarbone and broke two ribs in a fall in the Breeders' Cup series in Florida last October.

He recorded his first win on Pti Lain, who came home 10 lengths clear of his rivals, then gave a masterly performance on Aghaadir, formerly trained in Newmarket by John Gosden. Leading from the start, Piggott took the shortest route up the rails and kept enough in hand to hold on by a length.

"I have missed riding and it certainly felt good to be winning again," he said. "By the law of averages a fall like that had to happen some time. Sometimes you just have to take a risk if you want to win."

Piggott has four more rides at the course today. He will continue his build-up towards the British turf season by riding principally for the trainer, Ivan Allen, in Hong Kong. He flies to the colony on Saturday and will stay for a month.

He will be back in Britain for the start of the season at Doncaster on March 25 but plans a return to Dubai later in the month.



Piggott: Dubai double

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THUNDERER

1.50 Always Royal. 2.20 Kushbaloo. 2.50 Secret Sceptre. 3.20 General Pershing. 3.50 Montpelier Lad. 4.20 GALLATEEN (nap).

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.50 SLAPHOUSE CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,892: 2m) (10 runners)

1 556U CRESTWOOD LAD 28 Mrs M Reveley 11-7 P Niven
2 0P0 LEADER SAL 21 J Wade 11-1 K Jones
3 00 CA-KNOWE 16 A Whillans 10-13 D Bentley (5)
4 5601 JOHN NAMAN 28 (D,G) P Monteith 10-12 P Williams (7)
5 0 BIN LID 120 G Richards 10-10 B Harding (7)
6 P KENTUCKY CHICKEN 101 D Swindlehurst 10-10 Mr D Swindlehurst
7 D60 AGWA 8 J Gillen 10-9 B Storey
8 ALWAYS ROYAL C Thornton 10-9 D Wilkinson
9 1504 HILLTOWN BLUES 3 (D,G) T Dyer 10-9 P Harley
10 34 ALDINGTON PEACH 27 P Evans 10-7 T Wall

9-4 John Naman, 3-1 Aldington Peach, 9-2 Hilltown Blues, 7-1 Always Royal, Crestwood Lad, 10-1 Bin Lid, 16-1 others.

2.20 HOLLYBUSH NOVICES CHASE (£2,424: 3m 1f) (5)

1 1112 KUSHBALOO 8 (D,BF,G) C Parker 8-12-0 B Storey
2 1522 MISTER TUFFIE 7 (CD,BF,F,G) G Richards 8-11-11 N Doughty
3 /0FP NO REPLY 21 Mrs H Bell 7-11-5 C Dennis (3)
4 3P25 TRUELY ROYAL 13 J Charlton 9-11-5 P Niven
5 22P4 ZAM BEE 21 W Reed 7-11-5 G Grant

Evens Kushbaloo, 2-1 Mister Tuffie, 6-1 Truely Royal, 8-1 Zam Bee, 20-1 No Reply

2.50 LADY ISLE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,987: 2m 4f) (11)

1 13F1 ONE MAN 17 (D,F,S) P Cheesbrough 5-12-0 C Grant
2 P231 CELTIC SONG 25 (D,S) W Reed 6-11-4 T Reed
3 083 EXTRA BEAT 13 (BF) G Richards 6-11-4 N Doughty
4 U/P0 MIDIES JIM 7 (B) D Swindlehurst 10-11-4 Mr D Swindlehurst
5 P003 RAPID MOVER 28 D Nolan 6-11-4 J J Quinn
6 0S- ROYAL STREAM 396 C Parker 6-11-4 B Storey
7 P SCOOBY DOO 29 Mrs H Bell 6-11-4 C Dennis (3)
8 0231 SECRET SCEPTRE 16 (S) I Ferguson (Ire) 6-11-4 Mr P Graffin
9 P0U0 NAVAL RAID 8 Mrs J Goodfellow 6-10-13 K Johnson
10 1265 PALACEGATE KING 7 (S) A Whillans 4-10-12 D Bentley (5)
11 00 RUSSIAN CASTLE 21 J Wade 4-10-7 K Jones

7-4 Secret Sceptre, 5-2 One Man, 7-2 Palacegate King, 6-1 Extra Beat, 12-1 Celtic Song, 20-1 others.

3.20 VULMIDAS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,892: 2m 4f) (4)

1 P121 GENERAL PERSHING 13 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 7-11-10 N Doughty
2 631F ICARUS 20 (V,D,F,G) M H Easterby 7-11-6 L Wyer
3 R3P2 SOUTHERN MINSTREL 17 (CD,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 10-10-9 C Grant
4 1214 NIGHT GUEST 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Monteith 11-10-3 B Storey

8-11 General Pershing, 7-2 Icarus, 4-1 Southern Minstrel, 6-1 Night Guest.

3.50 AFTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,359: 2m) (8)

1 0112 MONTPELIER LAD 14 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) G Richards 6-12-0 N Doughty
2 55U6 SILVER HAZE 84 (D,F,S) J Wade 9-10-10 K Jones
3 F250 BOARDING SCHOOL 41 (D,S) C Parker 6-10-7 B Storey
4 30P1 DANTE'S INFERNO 18 (CD,S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-7 T Reed
5 3655 INVERTIEL 13 (CD,F) P Monteith 9-10-2 P Niven
6 F044 KWACHA 7 W Williams 7-10-0 C Grant
7 /2-F SCOTTISH REFORM 13 J J O'Neill 6-10-0 L Wyer
8 040F PIT PONY 13 (V,CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-0 L O'Hara

5-4 Montpelier Lad, 3-1 Dante's Inferno, 4-1 Boarding School, 7-1 Scottish Reform, 16-1 Silver Haze, 25-1 others.

4.20 ROSEMOUNT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,284: 2m 4f) (11)

1 2112 HUDSON BAY TRADER 20 (D,G,S) P Beaumont 6-12-0 Mrs A Farrell
2 1211 CEILIDH BOY 57 (G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-11 B Storey
3 2106 GALLATEEN 14 (F,G,S) G Richards 5-11-8 N Doughty
4 2331 WILLIE SPARKLE 13 (C,F,S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-12 P Williams (7)
5 -585 MARCH AHEAD 17 (D,F) P Cheesbrough 7-10-12 K Johnson
6 3222 THE GREEN FOOL 13 (S) V Thompson 6-10-11 T Reed
7 1152 NO SID NO STARS 94 (F,G,S) G Moore 5-10-11 J Callaghan
8 5200 WEST WITH THE WIND 29 (C,D,F,G) M Dods 6-10-8 L Wyer
9 2254 BURN BRIDGE 27 (D,F,S) M Hammond 7-10-7 C Grant
10 6244 SHAFFIC 22 (B) M Hammond 6-10-5 P Niven
11 -000 ALBERT THE GREAT 29 (C,F,G) Mrs S Taylor 10-10-0 D Barry (7)

9-2 Gallateen, 5-1 Ceilidh Boy, Willie Sparkle, 6-1 Hudson Bay Trader, 7-1 No Sid Stars, Shaffic, 8-1 The Green Fool, 12-1 Burn Bridge, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Beaumont, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; Mrs M Reveley, 21 from 58, 36.2%; C Thornton, 4 from 14, 28.6%; G Richards, 51 from 233, 21.9%; G Moore, 22 from 117, 18.8%; J J O'Neill, 13 from 72, 18.1%.

JOCKEYS: D Wilkinson, 4 winners from 10 rides, 40.0%; N Doughty, 32 from 122, 26.2%; P Niven, 30 from 116, 25.9%; L Wyer, 15 from 87, 17.2%; P Williams, 4 from 26, 15.4%; J J Quinn, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

BANGOR

THUNDERER

1.40 Super Spell. 2.10 Band Of Hope. 2.40 Glenbrook D'Or. 3.10 Once Stung. 3.40 Fastbit. 4.10 Flashthecash. 4.40 Cruising Kate.

Brian Beel: 3.10 Once Stung.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.40 HANMER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,281: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

1 -81P HIGHLAND POACHER 20 (S) D McCain 8-11-10 G McCourt
2 4122 SUPER SPELL 34 (CD,S) G Ham 7-11-10 M A Fitzgerald
3 0 CAVALINO VINO 104 D McCain 6-11-5 D Walsh (5)
4 F6 CELTIC BARON 16 Mrs A Hewitt 6-11-5 R Bellamy
5 0-3P LEESWOOD 31 R Lee 5-11-5 A Maguire
6 0 LIME STREET 39 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 D Bridgwater
7 4/2 LINKSIDE 7 D Moffatt 6-11-5 D J Moffatt (5)
8 30 POLAR HAT 39 M Pipe 5-11-5 J Lower
9 /52- PRECIPICE RUN 330 G Richards 8-11-5 M Moloney
10 0 PRIDEWOOD PICKER 23 R Price 8-11-5 D Tegg
11 4P/P RIDDLEMEROO 58 A Forbes 8-11-5 T Eley (5)
12 3P4- SHAMAALY BABY 403 D McCain 5-11-5 Mr D McCain (5)
13 0 BENTLEY MANOR 116 J Upson 4-10-9 Mr T Byrne (7)

3-1 Super Spell, 9-2 Linkside, 5-1 Precipice Run, 6-1 Polar Hat, 7-1 others.

2.10 BULKELEY CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,410: 2m 1f) (13)

1 2/3 PORTO HELI 9 (B,BF,F) M Pipe 6-11-8 J Lower
2 0-FP CORLY SPECIAL 14 (F) L Codd 6-11-6 A Maguire
3 0305 ZULU 17 (F) G Ham 6-11-6 R Davis (5)
4 F501 STE-JEN 8 (D,G,S) G Moore 4-11-5 N Bentley (3)
5 -P0P VALMARANDA 29 (B) D Moffatt 5-11-5 D J Moffatt (5)
6 4350 FAMILY LINE 25 (BF,G,S) Miss L Perratt 5-11-4 G McCourt
7 1444 BAND OF HOPE 16 (F,B) W Clay 6-11-3 Diane Clay
8 0PP0 GOLDEN CROFT 14 (D,F,S) D McCain 10-11-3 Mr D McCain (5)
9 -6P0 EXPOUND 18 (B,G) R Juckes 8-11-2 V Slattery (5)
10 0062 SANDHURST PARK 9 (V,G,S) P Murphy 8-11-2 E Byrne
11 -055 FOREST FAWN 10 (B,G,S) E Wheeler 8-11-1 J White
12 -000 RAEHILL 23 Mrs A Hewitt 6-11-1 R Bellamy
13 PP60 CALORA 8 (G,S) M Meade 8-10-13 J Railton

3-1 Family Line, 7-2 Porto Heli, 9-2 Ste-Jen, 6-1 Sandhurst Park, 7-1 Band Of Hope, 10-1 Expound, 12-1 others.

2.40 GREDINGTON LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,667: 3m 6f) (10)

1 /43P FORMULA ONE 25 (S) J Edwards 11-11-7 Judy Davies (7)
2 P12F BROMPTON ROAD 14 (C,BF,G,S) R Lee 10-11-0 D Tegg
3 1223 GLENBROOK D'OR 34 (G,S) A J Wilson 9-10-12 L Harvey
4 1U54 DUBIOUS JAKE 20 (C,F,S) R Woodhouse 10-10-8 S Turner
5 F502 SIKERA SPY 17 (F,G) Mrs A Hewitt 11-10-7 R Bellamy
6 23P4 CELTIC PRINCE 22 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-2 D Bridgwater
7 4-20 PAMPERING 31 (G,S) M Meade 12-10-0 J Railton
8 /F3P WHEAL PROSPER 17 P Nicholls 8-10-0 M A Fitzgerald
9 4-44 BARKIN 25 (G,S) G Richards 10-10-0 M Moloney
10 0413 ARD T'MATCH 66 (V,G,S) A Forbes 8-10-0 Gary Lyons

5-2 Glenbrook D'Or, 3-1 Brompton Road, 4-1 Sikera Spy, 6-1 Dubious Jake, 10-1 Ard T'Match, Celtic Prince, Barkin, 20-1 others.

3.10 GILBERT COTTON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,903: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 02F- GADBROOK 345 (B,C,F,G,S) R Lee 11-12-7 M Armytage
2 51P- HARLEY 274 (CD,G,S) Miss J Eaton 13-12-7 D McCain (5)
3 12-2 ONCE STUNG 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-12-7 J Greenall (3)
4 2FP- GAELIC CHERRY 276 (S) D Fletcher 10-12-0 C Ward Thomas (7)
5 P53- HEAD LAD 263 F Lloyd 10-12-0 Miss F Done (7)
6 U4-U MASTER MUCK 2 (S) N Twiston-Davies 10-12-0 R Smith (7)
7 5/33 RHU NA HAVEN 167 R Aston 9-12-0 C Barlow (7)
8 /22- SWINHOE CROFT 289 (D,S) F Lloyd 11-12-0 C Stockton (7)
9 FU4- WAY CLEAR 289 J Maddings 10-11-4 Miss S Sharratt (7)

2-1 Once Stung, 4-1 Harley, 5-1 Gaelic Cherry, 7-1 Master Muck, 8-1 Way Clear, 10-1 Swinhoe Croft, 12-1 Rhu Na Haven, 14-1 Gadbrook, 20-1 Head Lad.

3.40 WEM NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,693: 2m 4f) (7)

1 06F3 CLASSICS PEARL 23 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 D Bridgwater
2 5050 FASTBIT 10 C Jackson 6-11-6 W Humphreys
3 3242 TESEKKUREDERIM 6 (BF) W Clay 6-11-6 Diane Clay
4 00U0 B'N'B LADY 14 R Evans 5-11-1 J Pullin (7)
5 00P- CATHS FOLLY 314 J Peacock 6-11-1 Mr T Jenks (7)
6 000 GOLDEN LARK 23 (B) D McCain 6-11-1 G McCourt
7 0040 NORCROSS 23 J Peacock 5-11-1 W Marston (3)

10-11 Tesekkuredim, 7-2 Classics Pearl, 5-1 Fastbit, 12-1 others.

4.10 EMRAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,866: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1 2P1F FLASHTHECASH 13 (F,S) G Balding 7-11-10 A Maguire
2 1241 SECRET SUMMIT 27 (V,F,S) A Forbes 7-11-8 T Eley (5)
3 -0F3 IVORS GUEST 20 (F,S) R Lee 7-11-8 D Tegg
4 -65F TIM SOLDIER 23 (S) M Barraclough 6-11-6 Gary Lyons
5 42PP/ WATER ORCHID 685 D McCain 8-11-3 G McCourt
6 5034 CLARE LAD 8 (F,G,S) D Wintle 10-11-2 R Bellamy
7 3336 MISS SHAW 14 E Owen jun 7-11-1 A Lamach (5)
8 P/P TURN'EM BACK JACK 14 (F,G,S) A Bailey 10-10-12 D J Moffatt (5)
9 600- MUTUAL TRUST 248 (G,S) G Richards 9-10-12 M Moloney
10 -0P6 DI MODA 58 J Bosley 6-10-12 M Bosley
11 330U GLEN MIRAGE 18 (F) M Wilkinson 8-10-12 S Cowley

2-1 Flashthecash, 7-2 Secret Summit, 5-1 Tim Soldier, 7-1 Ivors Guest, 10-1 Miss Shaw, 12-1 Mutual Trust, Clare Lad, 20-1 others.

4.40 ST MARTIN'S FILLIES STAKES (National Hunt flat race: £1,679: 2m) (18)

1 2 BLAKEWAY 10 P Nicholls 6-11-7 S Donohoe (5)
2 0 CELTIC LANE 107 Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-7 Mr C Wilson
3 CRUISING KATE J Jefferson 5-11-7 G Tormey (7)
4 0 JUST FOR A LAUGH 134 J Needham 6-11-7 A Flannigan (7)
5 0 PENNANT COTTAGE 35 P Evans 5-11-7 B Clifford (3)
6 0 SAILOR'S ROSE 20 M Pipe 5-11-7 M Foster
7 WHAT DO YOU THINK G Thorner 5-11-7 R Farrant (5)
8 ZANY GIRL Mrs A Barclay 6-11-7 V Slattery (5)
9 31 LIMNGATE 13 (S) L Lungo 4-11-5 F Perratt (7)
10 1 LOCH SCAVAIG 29 (S) D Moffatt 4-11-5 D J Moffatt (5)
11 BARONESS BLAKENEY M Pipe 4-10-12 L Reynolds (5)
12 0 DEERS LEAP 20 R Woodhouse 4-10-12 J Driscoll (7)
13 FLIGHTY DOVE R Price 4-10-12 Mr C Campbell (7)
14 5 FORTUNES COURSE 20 J King 4-10-12 D Fortt (7)
15 MURPHYS WAY J Eyre 4-10-12 M Whelan (7)
16 SCALLY'S COMET B Preece 4-10-12 Mr S Dickin
17 0 THISTLE PRINCESS 13 G Richards 4-10-12 J Murphy (7)
18 TOODLEOO C Thornton 4-10-12 S Taylor (7)

6-4 Loch Scavaig, 4-1 Limngate, 5-1 Blakeway, 8-1 Baroness Blakeney, 10-1 Toodleoo, 12-1 Sailor's Rose, 14-1 Thistle Princess, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 25 winners from 70 runners, 35.7%; G Richards, 31 from 108, 28.7%; J King, 5 from 18, 27.8%; G Ham, 9 from 35, 25.7%; N Twiston-Davies, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 3 winners from 12 rides, 25.0%; L Harvey, 5 from 25, 20.0%; G McCourt, 11 from 59, 18.6%; Mr D McCain, 5 from 40, 12.5%; D J Moffatt, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.15 Themaam. 2.45 Nikki Noo Noo. 3.15 Lord Naskra. 3.45 Ready To Draw. 4.15 Horizon. 4.45 Quatre Femme.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 FLYING DRAGON MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,070: 1m) (12 runners)

1 400- ABBEY GREEN 122 C Hill 6-9-0 D Biggs 11
2 000- CRIMSON CONSORT 136 Don Enrico Incisa 4-9-0 Kim Tinkler 7
3 4-0 ELABJER 28 P Evans 4-9-0 Dale Gibson 3
4 053- MAROWINS 55J E Alston 4-9-0 J Quinn 12
5 563- SPEED OIL 46J R Bastiman 4-9-0 H Bastiman (7) 5
6 4/ SUNKALA SHINE 78J Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-0 L Charnock 8
7 004- SURE SHOT NORMAN 22J G Jones 4-9-0 Darren Moffatt (7) 4
8 3/2 THEMAAM 14 T Thomson Jones 4-9-0 Dean McKeown 9
9 /40 TIBBS INN 14 C Smith 4-9-0 S Webster 6
10 0-00 ANGEL'S WING 11 Mrs A Knight 4-8-9 Marie Plowright (7) 10
11 RUBY VISION L Barratt 4-8-9 W Ryan 2
12 3 WEE SARAH 14 T Barron 5-8-9 Alex Greaves 1

4-6 Themaam, 9-2 Speed Oil, 7-1 Wee Sarah, 10-1 Marowins, 12-1 others.

2.45 PEACOCK CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,343: 1m) (9)

1 05 BARSAL 25 J Parkes 9-2 Alex Greaves 8
2 6- MELOS MODUS 93 (B) Mrs L Piggott 8-6 W Ryan 9
3 10-0 HOTEL CALIFORNIA 21 (F) D Chapman 8-3 N Adams 7
4 0-0 GLOWING PATH 21 C Hill 8-2 G Bardwell 6
5 0-06 BOULMERKA 21 (B) B Cambidge 8-1 Darren Moffatt (7) 4
6 3122 NIKKI NOO NOO 7 (C,BF,F) C Hill 8-1 J Quinn 5
7 03 KUTE LUCY 7 D Chapman 8-0 S Wood 3
8 5-25 MRS DAWSON 29 (V) J Scargill 8-0 P McCabe (7) 2
9 6 RED EDGE 11 B McMath 7-13 L Charnock 1

5-4 Nikki Noo Noo, 3-1 Mrs Dawson, 5-1 Hotel California, 8-1 others.

3.15 GREAT BEAR HANDICAP (£2,427: 7f) (13)

1 35/1 FIABA 7 (C,G) R O'Leary 5-10-0 D Pears (5) 1
2 400- DREAM CARRIER 71 (D,F,G) T Barron 5-9-11 Alex Greaves 3
3 000- DESERT SPLENDOUR 16J (D,G) B Cambidge 5-9-6 S Wynne (5) 12
4 0-10 LORD NASKRA 14 (B,CD,BF) W O'Gorman 4-9-1 Emma O'Gorman (3) 5
5 5-40 RURAL LAD 20 (D,S) R Spicer 4-8-13 J McLaughlin 4
6 4430 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 7 (V,D,F) C Tinkler 5-8-11 Dean McKeown 9
7 20-0 MORPICK 7 (C) J Leigh 6-8-9 Stephen Davies (5) 13
8 0-64 TOP ONE 7 (BF,F) C Hill 8-8-3 J Quinn 6
9 0-02 CHOICE LOT 7 (V,F) T Caldwell 6-7-7 D Wright (7) 7
10 0063 COMISKEY PARK 4 (B) D Chapman 4-7-7 S Wood 2
11 -036 BAYIN 14 M Usher 4-7-7 Darren Moffatt (7) 11
12 00-4 BLYTON STAR 7 S Bowring 5-7-7 N Adams 8
13 0-50 MISS BELL RINGER 7 (F) C Hill 5-7-7 G Bardwell 10

4-1 Rural Lad, 5-1 Top One, 6-1 Lord Naskra, 7-1 Fiaba, 8-1 Choice Lot, Dream Carrier, 10-1 Diamond Inthe Dark, 12-1 Desert Splendour, 14-1 others.

3.45 SEA GOAT CLAIMING STAKES (£2,343: 1m 4f) (9)

1 52 AMOUR ROYAL 18 (D,S) Denys Smith 6-9-2 D Nicholls 8
2 00-0 ADMINISTER 11 (D,B) L Codd 5-8-9 W Hollick (7) 2
3 510- READY TO DRAW 78J (F,G,S) Ronald Thompson 4-8-6 R P Elliott 5
4 -256 LORD ADVOCATE 11 (V,CD) M Naughton 5-8-5 Alex Greaves 3
5 20-4 LARA'S BABY 11 (CD) N Tinkler 5-8-3 Kim Tinkler 1
6 00/ MISS CARANGE 499 (V) C Hill 5-7-11 J Quinn 7
7 030- QUALITAIR IDOL 14J Mrs A Knight 4-7-11 D Biggs 9
8 -365 SOL ROUGE 7 R Thompson 4-7-11 Nicola Howarth (7) 4
9 0-60 LIZZIE DRIPPIN 21 M Usher 4-7-7 D Wright (7) 6

5-2 Lord Advocate, 3-1 Ready To Draw, 9-2 Lara's Baby, 7-1 Amour Royal, 8-1 Lizzie Drippin, 10-1 Sol Rouge, 14-1 others.

4.15 MILKY WAY HANDICAP (£2,574: 1m 6f) (12)

1 005- EQUITY CARD 129 L Barratt 5-10-0 W Ryan 10
2 2-11 HORIZON 4 (B,C,F,G) T Thomson Jones 5-9-13 (5ex) D Biggs 1
3 3102 BEDOUIN PRINCE 7 (B,CD) B Richmond 6-9-4 Stephen Davies (5) 3
4 105- WITCHES COVEN 25J (CD) Mrs A Knight 4-9-3 O Pears (5) 2
5 2143 WELL AND TRULY 14 (C) B McMahon 6-8-8 T Quinn 6
6 00-0 SERIOUS ACTION 39 M Prescott 4-8-3 G Duffield 7
7 4-01 HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 7 (C,F) A Stringer 8-8-3 (5ex) F Norton (3) 4
8 00-5 SOUL TRADER 8 Mrs A Knight 4-8-2 Marie Plowright (7) 11
9 0-44 ELIZA WOODING 25 (F) C Hill 5-8-2 G Bardwell 9
10 -010 KRONPRINZ 7 (C,BF) M Chapman 5-8-1 D McCabe (7) 8
11 0-64 CARDEA CASTLE 18 B Ellison 5-7-12 J Quinn 5
12 0-00 RUPPLES 7 M Chapman 6-7-7 Darren Moffatt (7) 12

6-4 Horizon, 6-1 Heir Of Excitement, 7-1 Cardea Castle, 8-1 Equity Card, 10-1 Kronprinz, 12-1 Bedouin Prince, Witches Coven, 14-1 Well And Truly, 16-1 others.

4.45 NORTH STAR HANDICAP (£2,238: 6f) (8)

1 21-5 AFRICAN CHIMES 21 (CD,F) M Chapman 6-10-0 S D Williams (3) 1
2 540- ROSEATE LODGE 132 (F,G) K Burke 7-9-10 G Carter 6
3 6124 APPLEDORN 15 (CD,F,G) B McMahon 6-9-10 T Quinn 5
4 -326 TINO TERE 15 (F,G) J Berry 4-9-2 J Carroll 3
5 1-32 JOHNSTON'S EXPRESS 32 (CD,BF,F) E Alston 5-8-6 J Quinn 7
6 3-01 LINCSTONE BOY 18 (B,CD,F,S) S Bowring 5-8-3 S Webster 8
7 -032 QUATRE FEMME 4 (D,BF,F) M Johnston 6-7-8 G Bardwell 4
8 6646 TOSHIBA COMET 7 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 6-7-7 Kim McDonnell (7) 2

7-2 African Chimes, 9-2 Appledorn, 5-1 Quatre Femme, 6-1 Tino Tere, 7-1 Lincstone Boy, 8-1 Johnston's Express, 12-1 Roseate Lodge, Toshiba Comet.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Barron, 59 winners from 261 runners, 22.6%; R Spicer, 6 from 27, 22.2%; W O'Gorman, 36 from 166, 21.7%; M Prescott, 18 from 100, 18.0%; C Hill, 20 from 114, 17.5%; J Berry, 26 from 159, 16.4%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 58 from 232, 25.0%; D McCabe, 4 from 18, 22.2%; J McLaughlin, 5 from 23, 21.7%; Emma O'Gorman, 30 from 168, 17.9%; G Duffield, 33 from 227, 14.5%; O Pears, 5 from 35, 14.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 2.45 Melos Modus. 3.45 Miss Carange.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Wincanton

Going: good

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, MIAMI SPLASH (M Hourigan, 9-4 fav); 2, Jurz (T Thompson, 12-1); 3, Pandy (R Farrant, 10-1). 4, Jadidh (R Greene, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Moltram's Gold, 8 Chelworth Raider, Redgrave Girl, 10 Flying Speed, 11 Free Justice (5th), 14 Ali Present (pu), 25 The Hidden City, 33 Bumptious Boy, Freemantle, Durrington (6th), 40 Galagames (pu), 100 Strong Breeze, Canning's College, Mary's Music (f). 18 ran. NR: Aboosali. 4l, 8l, 2½l, ½l, 5l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £3.70; £1.10, £2.00, £2.50, £2.70. DF: £26.20. CSF: £30.48. Tricast: £227.09.

2.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, TIPP MARINER (G Upton, 6-1); 2, Cool And Easy (M Dwyer, 4-1 fav); 3, Thamesdown Tootsie (M A Fitzgerald, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Urizen (f), 6 Shaston (5th), Fight To Win (6th), 15-2 Tempet, 16 Sky Venture (ur), 25 Romiul Prince (4th), 33 Cobb Run (pu), 66 Judys Line (pu), Hunting Diary. 12 ran. 2½l, nk, 12l, 15l, 7l. S Sherwood at East Ilsley. Tote: £9.10; £2.50, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £12.70. CSF: £28.11.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, AMTRAK EXPRESS (J R Kavanagh, 16-1); 2, Fired Earth (S Smith Eccles, 7-2); 3, Go Universal (G Bradley, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 6-13 fav Arcot (ur), 13-2 Vienna Woods, 16 Welsh Singer (6th), 25 Chapel Hill (5th), 33 Ramstar, Will She Wont She (4th), 150 Beach Bum. 10 ran. 12l, 15l, hd, 4l, 3l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £18.80; £3.10, £1.20, £7.70. DF: £32.80. CSF: £69.27.

3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, CHERRYKINO (H Davies, 7-4 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Bradbury Star (E Murphy, 2-1); 3, Garrison Savannah (M Pitman, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Wingspan (4th), 33 Cevvies Clown (5th), 40 Golden Celtic (pp). 6 ran. 2l, 15l, 4l, 8l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.40.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, KIWI VELOCITY (Peter Hobbs, 9-4 fav); 2, Heathfield Gale (J Lower, 6-1); 3, Setai's Palace (W Marston, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Air Smiles (5th), 7 Winnowing, 12 Gleclogelli, 14 Celtas Electric (4th), Forty Watts, 25 Crackling Angels, 33 Wendsc, Aliyfair (6th), Daves Delight, 40 Candle Glow, 50 Piecemeal, Simply Joyful, 100 Gipsy Rew (f), Just A Trifle (pu), Nearly Five Too (pu), Shashikala (pu), The Quaker, Full Alirt, Antiguan Sol, Majestic Dream. 23 ran. 8l, 6l, 4l, 3l, hd. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £2.50, £15.40. DF: £19.00. CSF: £15.42.

4.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, SEVEN OF DIAMONDS (Mr R Alner, 4-5 fav); 2, Relaldo (Mr M Felton, 11-2); 3, Double Silk (Mr R Treloggen, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Breenamore (pu), Beltane The Smith (4th), 40 Badihar (5th). 6 ran. 8l, 20l, 12l, 20l. H Wellstead at Blandford. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £4.80.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, NOCATCHIM (J Osborne, 7-1); 2, Wheeler's Wonder (Mr J L Llewellyn, 66-1); 3, Yaalzor (M Richards, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 1-3 fav Damier Blanc (4th), 10 Dashing March, 33 Blurred Vision, 50 Dunnicks View (5th), Mr Ziegfeld (6th), Chinemen, 66 Rubicon Watch. 10 ran. 25l, 5l, 4l, 7l, 7l. S Sherwood at East Ilsley. Tote: £8.30; £1.30, £8.30, £1.80. DF: £246.80. CSF: £230.98.

Placepot: £96.10.

Huntingdon

Going: soft

2.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, FIRM PRICE (P Niven, 3-1); 2, Tropical Ace (A Tory, 25-1); 3, The Black Monk (P Scudamore, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Dawadar (5th), 10 Master Foodbroker (ur), 20 Carpet Capers (4th), Sparkler Gebe, 33 Swagman (pu), Ullswater (6th), Stan Carter. 10 ran. 6l, 2l, 5l, 8l, 25l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £3.80, £1.50. DF: £38.10. CSF: £62.23.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, DANDY MINSTREL (D Bridgwater, 4-1; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, No Grandad (Mr T Byrne, 14-1); 3, Strong Beau (R Dunwoody, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Bertie Boy, 10 Heyflest (5th), 12 Mander's Way (ur), Loch Blue (pu), Beau Charm (4th), 20 John O'Dee, 33 Meningi (6th), Knox's Corner, Granny's Prayer. 12 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 5l, 25l, 12l. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £5.40; £2.00, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £44.30. CSF: £53.35. Tricast: £149.91.

3.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, HEBRIDEAN (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, High Altitude (C Grant, 2-1); 3, Grand Hawk (P Scudamore, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 18 Wakashan (4th), 33 Dennington (5th), 50 Big Chance (pu), Cambo (6th). 7 ran. 12l, 2l, 10l, dis, ¾l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £2.80; £2.00, £2.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £10.05.

3.40 (2m 110yd ch) 1, ANTONIN (Mr S Brisby, 4-1); 2, Duo Drom (R Dunwoody, 9-4 fav); 3, Decidedly Dutch (D Bridgwater, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Spirit Of Kibris (f), 11-2 Le Bucheron (pu), 7 Persian House (ur), 9 Mr-Paw (pu), 18 Top It All (ur), 20 Gilt Bronze (pu), 25 Celtic Catch (4th), 33 Arsonist (pu), Brazier Boy (pu), Kitty Butler (pu). 13 ran. 7l, 30l, 15l. Mrs S Bramall at Thirsk. Tote: £5.20; £1.90, £1.10, £34.40. DF: £6.70. CSF: £13.76.

4.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, CERTAIN LIGHT (Mr P Hacking, 16-1); 2, No Escort (Mr R Russell, 9-2); 3, Knockelly Castle (Mr J Trice-Rolph, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Polygonum (6th), 9-2 Admirals All (5th), 7 Quick Reaction (4th), 33 Castle Jester (pu), Lean On Me (pu), Union Quay. 9 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 15l, 20l, 20l. Mrs Angus Campbell at Ashford. Tote: £18.70; £2.70, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £47.10. CSF: £79.01.

4.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, FIERCE (R Dunwoody, 8-1); 2, Street Kid (Mr G Johnson Houghton, 14-1); 3, Bickerman (A Webb, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Star Of The Glen, 5 Cardinal Bird, 6 Bolgherl (pu), Battle Standard, 8 Forbearance (5th), 10 Saskia's Reprieve (6th), 14 Highland Bounty (4th), 20 Luke's Brave Boy, 25 Champagne Gold. 12 ran. 1l, 4l, 6l, 5l, 6l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £6.70; £1.50, £4.70, £7.00. CSF: £106.19. Tricast: £1,604.76. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £3.30.

Placepot: £394.70.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.50 (1m) 1, No Submission (S Wood, 2-1); 2, Eastleigh (8-4 fav); 3, Nellie Dean (11-2). 8 ran. ¾l, 3½l. D Chapman. Tote: £3.00; £2.00, £1.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £6.13.

2.20 (5f) 1, Daaniera (J Carroll, 6-1); 2, Comet Whirlpool (7-2); 3, Belle Soiree (6-1). Splash Of Salt 11-4 fav. 6 ran. 1l, 2l. J Berry. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £2.30. DF: £15.60. CSF: £32.25.

2.50 (1m) 1, Pigalle Wonder (D Biggs, 13-2); 2, Buddy's Friend (3-1); 3, Apollo Red (12-1). Sarum 11-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, nk. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £5.70; £3.80, £1.40. DF: £11.50. CSF: £25.08.

3.20 (1m 4f) 1, Albert (J Quinn, 7-4 fav); 2, Super Lunar (16-1); 3, Tenayestelign (20-1). 9 ran. Sh hd, 6l. D Wilson. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £1.80, £5.80. DF: £45.50. CSF: £27.58. Tricast: £403.05.

3.50 (1m 2f) 1, Gold Blade (T Quinn, 4-5 fav); 2, Lexus (5-1); 3, Kenyatta (13-2). 8 ran. 1½l, 2l. N Graham. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.73. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.20 (7f) 1, Stardust Express (Dean McKeown, 6-4 fav); 2, Arawa (5-1); 3, Pytchley Dawn (11-4). 4 ran. 2½l, 3½l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.10. DF: £9.10. CSF: £8.05. Placepot: £27.40.

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Hebridean offers festival pointer

DAVID Nicholson was shouting the Cheltenham festival prospects of Hebridean from the rooftops after watching his horse put up an exciting performance at Huntingdon yesterday.

After Hebridean had run out an impressive winner of the Sidney Banks Memorial Novices' Hurdle, Nicholson was bullish about following up his success in last year's Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle with the ill-fated Thetford Forest.

"Hebridean goes to Cheltenham with a live chance, and whatever beats him will win," he predicted.

A smart performer on the Flat with Henry Candy, Hebridean more than salvaged his reputation — dented at Ascot last time — against fellow festival hopefuls, High Alltitude and Grand Hawk.

□ The Augustine Leahy-trained Haki Saki landed the Ir£12,000 PZ Mower Chase at Thurles yesterday, beating Newmill House by six lengths (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Bolton's manager returns to former stamping-ground in pursuit of Cup glory

Rioch's career back on fast track

BARRY GREENWOOD



Past glories: Rioch is constantly reminded of these by this picture of the Bolton side beaten by Blackpool in a memorable 1953 FA Cup final

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

NOSTALGIA for the Seventies, said by some to be sweeping Britain, will assuredly be strongly in evidence at the Baseball Ground when Derby County play Bolton Wanderers in the fifth round of the FA Cup tomorrow, with many a wistful glance being directed towards the dug-outs.

Seated in Derby's will be Roy McFarland, centre half in their championship winning sides of 1972 and 1975, and now assistant manager to Arthur Cox, who coached Bruce Rioch, his Bolton counterpart, when he was part of the Aston Villa midfield.

That was before Rioch moved to Derby, helped win the title in 1975 and met Colin Todd, his No. 2 at Bolton, who was a marvellously intuitive, fleet-footed partner for McFarland in the middle of the defence. Those were the days.

Derby have been spending lavishly — some £10 million at the last count — in an attempt to regain their place among the leading clubs. But having lost nine games at home in the first division this season, which more than nullifies an excellent away record, their hopes of promotion have faded away. Cox's job may be in jeopardy unless they make further progress in the Cup.

"The Derby team I played in was a benchmark for any side," Rioch recalled yesterday. "Everyone was comfortable on the ball, every player had ability. The pitch was bad, even worse than today, but it didn't seem to trouble such good players. Names like Todd, Nish, McFarland, Hector, Rioch, O'Hare, Lee, Hinton and Gemmill added up to class. Class was what kept 19,000 supporters locked out of the Baseball Ground."

There will be around 19,000 inside tomorrow when Bolton seek to follow up this season's earlier Cup triumphs, against Liverpool in a replay at Anfield, and Molineux, where they beat Wolverhampton Wanderers at the first attempt.

As Bolton are also handily placed in the second-division promotion race, Rioch's managerial reputation is rising towards the level it reached at Middlesbrough in the mid-Eighties, when, after the club had narrowly escaped liquidation, the team rose from the third to the first division.

Then it all went wrong for him at Millwall, although someone who sold players worth £4 million in two years and switched the style from hit-and-hope to push-and-run, while never dropping below mid-table in the old second division, must have been doing something right. Significantly, Millwall are playing some bewitching football this season.

Rioch's teams are always watchable, to the point where the main criticism of his Middlesbrough side — that of Pallister, Mowbray, Cooper, Ripley and Slaven — was that it played too much football.

While he still insists on his team playing with style, Rioch admits his attitude to the job is different. "My man-management has changed," he said. "It's improved."

Many managers arriving at Bolton last summer might have disciplined Tony Kelly, after the player reported back two stone overweight. Rioch told him to keep a bottle of champagne in his refrigerator and take a sip whenever overcome by the urge to devour a slab of cheese.

Kelly, lighter by 30lb, is now the main creator in midfield and will be sadly missed tomorrow when he will be serving a suspension.

Up front, Rioch paired the prolific Andy Walker with John McGinlay — bought from Millwall. "They are both natural goalscorers and Celtic supporters," he explained. The ammunition is supplied by wingers Scott Green, another Derby old boy, and David Lee, a £200,000 buy from Southampton, who Rioch has switched from the right to the left.

"I like playing wingers because it forces full backs to defend, it asks them questions which a lot can't answer," he said. With Mark Seagraves, one of his best defenders, also suspended, Rioch wishes he could put the clock back 20 years and draft Todd into the side. But Todd now concentrates on coaching, hoping to bring on more players of the calibre of Gary Pallister, who left Middlesbrough for Manchester United for a fee of £2.3 million.

"Colin can be very stubborn at times," Rioch said. "But he is good for me. We are both strong personalities who share the same philosophy."

One of their former players commented: "They are brilliant coaches. Bruce made mistakes in the past but has learnt from them, is tactically excellent and should become a truly top manager."

Rioch, 45, is desperate to be in the Premier League. "Being out of it is frustrating. I realise I want to win the championship as a manager much more than I did as a player." In the meantime he will settle for undoing Derby.

But could a longer Cup run jeopardise promotion prospects? "A good run at Middlesbrough gave me the money to buy Trevor Senior, who scored the goals to win us promotion," Rioch said. "Anyway, people expect AC Milan to keep winning, so why not Bolton?"

Warhurst revels in unlikely role of reluctant hero

FA CUP

BY IAN ROSS

THERE is nothing quite so appealing in sport as the makeshift hero, the volunteer who boldly takes on an unfamiliar role and promptly steals the show.

Ewood Park, the home of Blackburn Rovers, witnessed just such a performance on Wednesday evening as Sheffield Wednesday produced an exhilarating display in dominating the first leg of their Coca-Cola League Cup semi-final.

Sandwiched between some of the most potent and appealing football produced by any English side this season was a richly rewarding cameo from Paul Warhurst, Wednesday's stand-in centre forward. At the age of 23, Warhurst is recognised as a technically proficient central defender, but his brace of goals in his side's compelling 4-2 victory took his tally for the season to ten goals in just 13 appearances as an emergency forward. It is a goals-per-game ratio envied by most full-time forwards and one bettered by only a handful.

Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, has to persuade Warhurst to don the No. 9 shirt before every game: "The simple truth is, Paul does not enjoy playing up front at all," he said. "Against Blackburn Rovers, he scored two really outstanding goals yet he spends most of his time telling anyone who will listen that he wants to play at the back.

"To say that he is reluctant to fill an attacking role would be an understatement. He may complain about it, but just look at his record. Those goals at Ewood Park were his fourth and fifth in just four games since he was asked to fill in for David Hirst. He is now proving to be a genuine threat to the opposition.

"I do find it difficult to believe just how good he is as an attacker. To be honest, he does look as if he has played up there throughout his entire career."

Traditionally, stand-in centre forwards are big-boned, cumbersome men whose strength and appeal lies in their lack of delicacy and their irreverence. The current breed, though, exemplified by Warhurst, is a different sort of animal, one that boasts exceptional speed, a lithe, muscular frame and enviable reserves of self-belief.



Warhurst: versatile

Warhurst, of course, is not the first defender to discover that his talent embraces something more than tackling and clearing corners. He is not the first gamekeeper to turn poacher, not alone in suddenly realising that an ability to be destructive is matched, in equal part, by an ability to be constructive.

Ian Marshall, a defender by trade, has performed with such distinction in Oldham Athletic's forward line in the past two seasons that both he and his manager, Joe Royle, are now somewhat unsure as to exactly where he should be deployed for maximum effect.

Ironically, Warhurst's emergence comes at a time when there is a discernible paucity of quality strikers who could be said to be capable of filling the void created by Gary Lineker's retirement from the international arena.

With his two recognised front-line forwards, Hurst and Mark Bright, due back from injury in the not too distant future, Francis is reluctant to discuss precisely which role Warhurst will undertake in the remaining weeks of the season: "At the moment, I would have to say he is one of the top ten strikers in the country," he said. "If he did ever decide to take this particular job — attacking — seriously, he could be some player. That is up to him, though. He is the one who must decide where it is he wants to play."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Witt's return heralds year of hard labour

KATARINA Witt will be condemned to 12 months' hard labour on ice by ten men and a woman meeting at Hamar in Norway today (Michael Coleman writes). The German skater's request to return to amateur competition, with next February's Winter Olympic Games and a third gold medal the target, is certain to be granted by the council of the International Skating Union.

Witt, appearing with Holiday on Ice at the Wembley Arena, has clearly lost the technique that won her gold at Sarajevo in 1984 and at Calgary four years later, and will have to submit to a ruthless training regime to get back into the top six. Nonetheless, a string of Olympic champions is expected to follow her example. Among them are Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean (1984 dance gold), Brian Boitano (1988) and, with the exception of the dance couple, Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, all the gold medal-winners from Albertville last year.

Lomas well-placed

TABLE TENNIS: Lisa Lomas, the England No. 1, saw her prospects improve for the European Top Twelve tournament with the draw for the event, which starts in Copenhagen today. Lomas has beaten all the leading players in her group, though she has been troubled by a thigh strain and has been having daily treatment. "We can't tell at this stage how it will hold up, but she will certainly start the tournament," Don Parker, the England manager, said. England's other No. 1, Chen Xinhua, will compete in the Top Twelve for the first time, having been incorrectly banned two years ago by the European Table Tennis Union from its events.

Chase on for Pilgrim

THE clamour in rugby league for the signature of Steve Pilgrim, a *cause célèbre* within a sport he has played only once, has intensified with the offer of a contract to the banned Wasps and England B full back by London Crusaders, the second division club (Christopher Irvine writes). Pilgrim, 25, is involved in discussions with Leeds and has also been approached by Hemel Hempstead.

The Rugby Football Union suspended him for a year after he had a trial with Leeds. Ross Strudwick, the London coach and general manager, said: "We have put in place a much-improved financial structure at the club and the intention is to bring in English players, hopefully starting with Pilgrim."

Lehmann lifts Swiss



SKIING: Urs Lehmann restored Swiss pride yesterday with the first win of his career at the Alpine world championships in Japan. His victory in the men's downhill brought Switzerland their first medal. Kate Pace also won her first race to claim the women's downhill, despite skiing virtually one-handed. The Canadian designed a special start as a broken bone prevented her using her left hand.

European hopes

HOCKEY: Hightown, hoping to win their third title in a row and seventh in all at the women's indoor championship at Crystal Palace tomorrow, believe the tournament to be the ideal preparation for the European championship in Berlin over the following weekend (Alix Ramsay writes). Despite having been drawn in the tougher of two pools — the one containing Ealing, Ipswich, Leicester and Cheltenham — their coach, Maggie Souyave, who has been with the club for two decades, was in confident mood yesterday. "A win in London would guarantee our place in Europe next season and that would give us the biggest possible boost before going to Berlin," she said.

Separate ways

BOXING: Riddick Bowe and Lennox Lewis seem unlikely to meet in a world heavyweight title bout this year. Talks between representatives of the two champions, which have been going on in New York this week, have failed to produce agreement. Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, left a £20 million winner-take-all offer with Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, and returned to London. "Newman called us to the meeting but it was nothing but a smokescreen because of all the bad publicity over Bowe's fight with Michael Dokes," Maloney said yesterday. Lewis intends to press ahead with preparations for his bout in May with Tony Tucker, the No. 1 challenger for the WBC title.

ATHLETICS

McColgan suffers training setback in South Africa

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LIZ McColgan has had her preparations for the Nutra-Sweet London Marathon disrupted after a trip to South Africa for altitude training lasted less than one day.

McColgan, the world 10,000 metres champion, was back home in Arbroath last night after an exhausting week of travelling. She had planned to spend eight weeks in Germiston, near Johannesburg, as part of her preparations for the forthcoming London Marathon and world cross-country championships.

But after arriving at her training headquarters on Tuesday, with her husband, Peter, and two-year-old daughter, Eilish, she felt the facilities were unsuitable.

"We were led to believe we would be out in the country beside a lake that had a path around it," Peter, who is also McColgan's coach, said. "There was a lake there but we were in the middle of an industrial area and it was no use for the sort of mileage Liz is doing just now.

"We were also told that it was unsafe to go out before seven o'clock in the morning. That is no use to us as Liz is the type who likes to get straight out of bed and go for a run.

"It wasn't suitable for me to go out with her and we decided to come back. We're quite happy to do our preparations at home now. We're planning another couple of trips to train at altitude after that, possibly in Albuquerque and Switzerland."

A growing number of British athletes, including a fellow Scot, Yvonne Murray, have chosen to go to South Africa in recent months and Murray spent time in Germiston last year. "We had different requirements to Yvonne," Peter said. "It was an expensive experience. Our day trip cost about £3,000."

Sally Gunnell, Britain's Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, yesterday reflected on a losing start to her 1993 campaign but said she was glad to be racing again.

Gunnell has been deluged with countless off-the-track assignments since her success in Barcelona and trailed home third in an indoor 400 metres race in Ghent. She recorded a reasonable time of 53.15sec but still found herself outpaced by the Russian, Yelena Ruzina, in 53.04, and Sandy Richards, of Jamiaca, in 52.82.

"It was a very strange feeling racing again," Gunnell said. "But it was nice to be back in business." Her primary target this year will be to prove her Olympic triumph was no fluke and her next outing is also over 400 metres in the Vauxhall Great Brtain versus United States match at Birmingham's National Indoor Arena on Saturday.

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SNOOKER

Hendry hits form to beat Wilkinson

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry gave further indication that his form and confidence, at rock bottom for much of the season, have returned by beating Gary Wilkinson 5-2 in the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

The Scot is attempting to capture the title for a fifth year in succession and this latest victory takes his winning streak, since making his debut in 1989, to 18 matches. However, the world champion has only won one tournament in the last nine months and struggled with virtually every aspect of his game.

Displays such as the one he produced against Wilkinson — and the three century breaks in a 5-4 defeat of Doherty in the previous round — suggest that the worst is over.

After only 53 minutes Hendry was 4-0 ahead of Wilkinson. He compiled breaks of 92 and 69 from half-chances in the first two frames, then won a scrappy third comfortably before adding 101 in the next.

Wilkinson, who recovered from a 5-1 deficit to beat Hendry 6-5 in the quarter-finals of the Regal Scottish Masters in September, won the following two frames, but any thoughts of another fightback were dispelled by Hendry's 84 break in the seventh.

"It was pleasing that I clinched four frames in a single visit," Hendry, who meets Steve Davis or Alan McManus in a best-of-11 frame semi-final tomorrow, said. "It's obvious that the more wins I get like this the more my confidence will come back.

"When you lead 4-0 at the interval you should be virtually home but there was no chance of me relaxing after what Gary did to me earlier in the season. If it had gone to 4-3 I would have been very edgy."

Jimmy White appealed to his fans to show a more sporting attitude towards his opponentsafter his 5-2 second-round victory over Willie Thorne in front of a 1,753 crowd. "I know they are enthusiastic and they want me to win, but I don't like it when they get rowdy and clap when my opponent misses a pot. That's wrong," he said.

MOTOR SPORT

Benetton drive hard bargain to put pressure on Williams

BY STEPHEN SLATER

TOM Walkinshaw, director of the Benetton Formula One team, yesterday said that he would be happy to start the 1993 world championship in South Africa next month without the champions, Williams, if it helps to ensure the survival of a series which he feels is in jeopardy.

Speaking at the team's Oxfordshire headquarters on the eve of a vital pre-season Formula One commission "summit meeting" of officials and team owners, which takes place in London, Walkinshaw explained why Benetton are blocking the late admission of the Williams team.

Williams needs the approval of all teams in order to race after an "administrative error" led to the champions submitting their entry form to Fisa, the sport's governing body, on the day after the deadline.

"We vitally need to make changes to the world championship to respond to the changes in financial climate around us," Walkinshaw said. "The front-running teams are having to work hard to find funding and for the smaller teams the task is almost impossible. The way Formula One is at the moment, I will give it two years before it could collapse.

"Time after time we've made suggestions to control costs and allow closer racing, but the current 'concord agreement' requires unanimity of every team involved and it has created a situation where each time one or two teams have vetoed any initiative. One of those teams has been Williams.

"To get this situation back under control we have to press for future decisions being made by an 80 per cent majority.

"Our position is fixed. We have a £10 million turnover in an industry worth over £100 million. Several thousand people rely on it for a living. We must improve the show we put on, we must control its costs, and I'm prepared to go to the South African grand prix without Williams if it will save future world championships."

Frank Williams will arrive at the conference today under increasing pressure regarding both the entry of his team and moves to prevent his No. 1 driver, Alain Prost, gaining his obligatory Formula One "super-licence" after criticising Fisa in an interview with the French magazine, *Auto Plus*. A decision on Prost's licence was yesterday deferred by a month, but Jean-Marie Balestre, head of the French motor racing federation, said that the former world champion risked a suspension for "one or two grands prix" for his remarks.

However, the managing director of Benetton Formula, Flavio Briatore, offered a chance for compromise. He said that if Williams considered allowing voting by a majority, Benetton would reconsider their stance on the team's world championship entry.

"I want Frank Williams in the world championship, but not at the expense of the other teams," Briatore said. "If things go on as they are, many of the smaller teams will not be around in two years' time."

Among other business at the meeting, McLaren will confirm their team entry for Michael Andretti, of the United States, and the 24-year-old Finnish driver, Mika Hakkinen. However, this is thought to be a move to simply confirm two leading drivers in the team, and subject to any decision by Ayrton Senna, the former world champion, to remain with the team, according to the rules they would simply nominate a change of driver.

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2.45 The Flying Doctors. The Australian medics are called to the scene of a road accident (s) (1731589)
3.30 Daffy Duck Double-Bill. Cartoon (8845183)
3.45 Children's BBC: Juniper Jungle. Cartoon (s) (8088676) **3.55 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (s) (8057560) **4.05 Jackanory.** Tony Slattery reads *The Magic Hare* (2703744) **4.15 Rude Dog and the Dweebs.** Animation (r) (1183763) **4.30 The Really Wild Show.** Michaela Strachan simulates a dogfight between a tiger moth and its enemy, the bat; and reports on the acute hearing of the meerkat. (Ceefax) (s) (3214102) **4.55 Newsround Extra** (3743473) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Children's drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (4198541)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (685909). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (299)
6.30 Regional news magazines (251). Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Eldorado. Drama series on the Costa del Sol. (Ceefax) (s) (5270)
7.30 Entertainment Express. Salina Scott presents the media and showbusiness magazine. This week, Triona Holden talks to Mick Jagger; John Leslie interviews Bob Hoskins; Andi Peters reports from the Florida offices of *The National Enquirer*; and there is a report on Sunday's tribute at the *London Palladium* to the late actor Ralph Bates (763). Northern Ireland: Sportscene

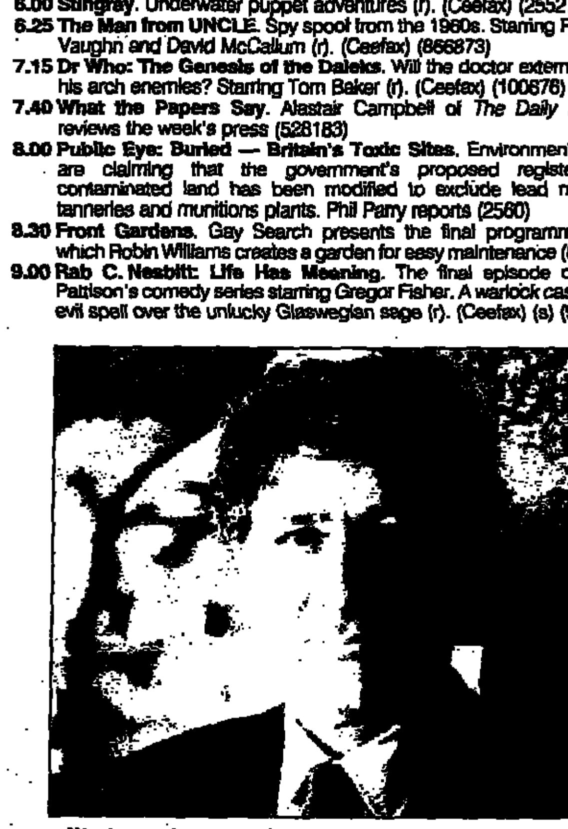


At work in the Dales: Hardy, Timothy and Davison (8.00pm)

8.00 All Creatures Great and Small: In Whom We Trust. An episode of the comedy-drama series from 1989, starring Christopher Timothy as the Yorkshire vet, James Herriot. With Robert Hardy and Peter Davison (r) (992909)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (735831)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8589)
9.30 Love Hurts: If the Cap Fits. Bittersweet drama series starring Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker. Frank and Tessa consider their future. (Ceefax) (s) (385657)
10.20 Terry Wogan's Friday Night. Tonight's guests include Billy Crystal (s) (899560). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box (435386)
11.00 Snooker. Dougie Donnelly presents the last quarter-final match in the Masters (41763). Northern Ireland: 11.10 Entertainment Express (595522); 11.40 Terry Wogan's Friday Night (703744)
12.00 Film: Handgun (1982). Tense drama starring Karen Young as a teacher who takes the law into her own hands when she becomes the victim of rape. With Clayton Day. Directed by Tony Garnett. (Ceefax) (117690). Northern Ireland: Snooker (9608416)
1.35 Weather (9212139)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths Methods — Direction Fields (4506676); **7.10** National Identity (6008299)
8.00 Breakfast News (5468928)
8.15 Westminster. News from both Houses of Parliament (2780980)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes (8358744)
2.00 News and weather (54267560) followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (43088676)
2.15 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (54257183)
2.20 Sport on Friday. Helen Rollason introduces **Alpine Skiing:** The world championship from Japan, including the men's giant slalom; **Indoor Athletics:** the Coke Light Meeting in Ghent, Belgium; **Snooker:** the Benson and Hedges Masters; **Football:** a preview of tomorrow's FA Cup fifth round ties. Including **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (93127560)
6.00 Stingray. Underwater puppet adventures (r). (Ceefax) (255270)
6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Spy spoof from the 1960s. Starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (r). (Ceefax) (866873)
7.15 Dr Who: The Genesis of the Daleks. Will the doctor exterminate his arch enemies? Starring Tom Baker (r). (Ceefax) (100676)
7.40 What the Papers Say. Alastair Campbell of *The Daily Mirror* reviews the week's press (528183)
8.00 Public Eye: Buried — Britain's Toxic Sites. Environmentalists are claiming that the government's proposed register of contaminated land has been modified to exclude lead mines, tanneries and munitions plants. Phil Parry reports (2580)
8.30 Front Gardens. Gay Search presents the final programme, in which Robin Williams creates a garden for easy maintenance (8367)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt: Life Has Meaning. The final episode of Ian Pattison's comedy series starring Gregor Fisher. A warlock casts an evil spell over the unlucky Glaswegian sage (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9831)



Western writers and ideas of empire: Edward Said (9.30pm)

9.30 Arena: Edward Said — The Idea of Empire
● CHOICE: This is a television version of Edward Said's new book, *Culture and Imperialism*. Some would say it is a plug. Said is a Palestinian who teaches literature in New York. He has spent much of his life in the West, yet retained a sympathy for his roots. *Culture and Idealism* looks at how British, French and American writers have represented ideas of empire. One reviewer called the book "stylistically lax and intellectually lazy". This version is unlikely to arouse similar hostility. Said's analysis of *Robinson Crusoe*, Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* and Kipling's *Kim* all point to the unexceptional conclusion that western writers saw the rest of the world as inferior. It is good that Said champions the Caribbean writer, C.L.R. James, another outsider who moved to the West but never forgot where he came from (24152)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (301015)
11.15 Weather (386096) **11.20 Heimat: The Highway.** Episode four of the 11-part German saga about the lives of three families reaches the year 1938 (r) (569812). Ends at **12.25am.** Wales: 11.20 Wales in Westminster; 11.50-12.50am Heimat

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8460164)
9.25 Runway. Richard Madeley hosts the daily holiday quiz (9545473) **9.55 London Today** (6820454)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion (9120812)
10.35 This Morning. Includes a guide to alternative therapies by Nancy Roberts and a look at the homes of the rich and famous. Presented by husband-and-wife team Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Including at **10.55 ITN News** headlines, and at **11.55 London Today** and weather (80699744)
12.10 Tots TV. Puppet series (s) (3340229)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler (Teletext) Weather (1074928) **1.05 London Today** (80687744)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (150724)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama series (s) (500265)
2.15 Life Goes On. American family drama series (9723473) **3.10 ITN News** headlines (7100744) **3.15 London Today** (7109015)
3.20 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers (s) (5073096)
3.50 Children's ITV: Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. Cartoon (r) (3433522) **3.55 Zzzap!** (3272724) **4.15 Talespin** (3202251) **4.40 Eye of the Storm.** Final episode of the environmental thriller (Teletext) (8530218)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8059102)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (202725)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (49744)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse's guests on the celebrity quiz show include Amanda Barrie from *Coronation Street*, columnist Gary Bushell and comedian Frank Carson (s) (7638)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (831)
8.00 The Bill: Cried Too Late. WPC Datta (Seeta Indrani) interviews a woman arrested for shoplifting. (Teletext) (6386)
8.30 Second Thoughts: Management. The last episode of the comedy series about a couple contemplating marriage for the second time. Faith is upset when Bill is sent on an office training weekend with Liza. Starring James Bolam, Lynda Bellingham and Belinda Lang. (Teletext) (s) (5893)



Not in the picture: Keith Barron and Nigel Havers (9.00pm)

9.00 The Good Guys: All for Love. Adventures of the mismatched flatmates, played by Nigel Havers and Keith Barron. The two Guys witness the kidnapping of an illegal immigrant. (Teletext) (s) (5763)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (23218) **10.30 London Tonight** (145541)
10.40 Love and War: Waiting for Henry. American comedy series starring Susan Dey and Jay Thomas (s) (637831)
11.05 The London Programme presented by Trevor Phillips (521947)
11.35 TV Dating. Mark Webster and Diane Oxberry present a phone-in match-making service (394015)
12.05am The ITV Chart Show. Music videos (s) (9524400)
1.05 Whale On. James Whale presents his inimitable brand of late-night entertainment and conversation (4871400)
2.10 American Gladiators (s) (3609023)
3.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (3365139)
3.50 Austin City Limits. Country music (5593684)
4.50 Riviera. French soap about an aristocratic family (9529706)
5.30 ITN Morning News (46955). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.45 Sesame Street (r) (6551102) **6.40 Spiff and Hercules** (5067812)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (21909) **9.00 You Bet Your Life** (s) (32657)
9.30 Schools (718763) **12.00 The Parliament Programme** (13831)
12.30 Sesame Street with country music singer Randy Travis (16367)
1.30 Lift Off. Nipper plays Monopoly (s) (38638)
2.00 Film: The Toy Wife (1938, b/w). Romantic drama starring Luise Rainer as a coquettish Louisiana belle who has to choose between Melvyn Douglas and Robert Young. Directed by Richard Thorpe (837909) **3.50 Willie the Kid.** Cartoon (3431164)
3.55 Survival. Wildlife documentary about the effort to save a herd of endangered roan antelope in Namibia (r). (Teletext) (s) (8635560)
4.30 Countdown. Hosted by Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (744)
5.00 Cutting Edge: Soweto Flying Squad. A repeat of Monday's documentary about the South African police. (Teletext) (7251)
6.00 Blossom. Sitcom about a girl in a male household (s) (909)
6.30 Happy Days Joanie meets Chachi's family (589)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (637034)
7.50 First Reaction. Claire Rayner previews BBC2's *Night of Love* and Channel 4's *Love Weekend* (s) (248560)
8.00 Robert McBride. A member of the African National Congress, McBride explains why he bombed a bar in Durban, killing three people. (Teletext) (4928)
8.30 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (6763)
9.00 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason visits the wilderness belonging to Parisian artist Ann Sabil. (Teletext) (s) (1299)
9.30 Cheers. Slick comedy set in a Boston bar. (Teletext) (s) (42831)



Ups and downs: John Goodman and Roseanne (10.00pm)

10.00 Roseanne
● CHOICE: The fifth series of Roseanne Arnold's blue collar comedy seems to offer a subtle shift of style. Instead of the non-stop volley of gags which makes you think the show is produced by a computer, the pace is slower and the humour more reflective. We are getting closer to the British sitcom and all the better for it. The other notable aspect of tonight's episode is that it is about the recession. Dan's motorcycle business goes bust and Roseanne finds herself one of 400 applicants for half a dozen jobs. The programme was first seen in the United States in September 1992. Here was the richest country in the world admitting on prime-time television that it was up the spout. Perhaps this was the real reason why George Bush lost the presidency. Perhaps Roseanne will take pity and put him on the show. (Teletext) (s) (14560)
10.30 Absolutely. Surreal comedy sketch show (659164)
11.05-4.10am Love Weekend. Richard Jobson and Nina Myskow launch three days of programmes to celebrate St Valentine's day (788305)
11.10 The Word. Entertainment, with a touch of romance (s) (280893)
12.15 Love in the USA
● CHOICE: Laurie Pike presents a decidedly X certificate version of *Manhattan Cable* which may have been designed for St Valentine's day but has little to do with romance. A trawl through the grimier waters of American cable television produces the sort of material that, if it originated in Britain, would probably have Channel 4 taken off the air. A game show in which couples argue publicly about their sex lives is only the aperitif to a menu that includes toe-sucking, a transsexual televangelist and a visit to the porn industry's annual convention in Las Vegas. A return to that city to celebrate its other eminence, as the wedding capital of the world, only slightly sweetens the taste. On this evidence, *Love Weekend* is a dubious enterprise which may only attract the wrong type of viewer for the wrong reasons (4790684)
1.00 Nights. In *Summer Nights*, the third of the four-part comedy-drama, Bob and Carol relive their hike across France (7185232)
1.15 Get a Grip on Sex. A light-hearted video guide (93481)
1.45 Carnal Knowledge. Two couples compete in a quiz about sex (3597077) **2.20 Dream Doll.** Animated fantasy (3949400)
2.30 Film: The Frog Prince (1984). Romantic drama about an English girl who falls in love with a French student. With Jane Snowden and Alexandre Sterling. Directed by Brian Gilbert (282110). Ends at **4.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors (5073096) **5.10-5.40** Package Pilgrims (8059102) **6.00** Home and Away (259096) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (940725) **10.40** Anglia Live (182251) **11.45** Married with Children (652541) **12.10am-1.05** Night Heat (9613348) **2.05** Raw Power (2133232) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4470023) **4.05** Sportsworld (34591597) **4.30** Riviera (42232) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (13232)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (150724) **1.45** Home and Away (500265) **2.15-3.10** McCloud (9723473) **3.20-3.50** GP (5073096) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8059102) **6.00** Home and Away (259096) **6.25-7.00** Central News (940725) **10.40** Central Weekend (5117378) **12.10am** Film: Kiss Me, Kill Me (7824058) **1.35** Whale On (13110) **2.35** The Beat (11226) **3.35** Sprockets (8080955) **4.05** Jobfinder (8304400) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3490706)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (150724) **1.45** Home and Away (500265) **2.15-3.10** Highway to Heaven (9723473) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5073096) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8059102) **6.00** Home and Away (367) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (947) **10.40** Up Front (407638) **11.40-1.05am** Film: The Last Survivors (181183) **2.05** Raw Power (2133232) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4470023) **4.05** Sportsworld (34591597) **4.30** Riviera (42232) **5.00** Jobs (13232)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Wish You Were Here..? (500265) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (9723473) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5073096) **6.00** HTV News (367) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (947) **10.40** Late and Live (5117378) **12.10am-1.05** Miller and Mueller (9613348) **2.05** Raw Power (2133232) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4470023) **4.05** Sportsworld (34591597) **4.30** Riviera (42232) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (13232)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** Storyline **11.10-12.10am** Island Son

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm Future Perfect (455116) **2.45-3.10** Wish You Were Here..? (2076454) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5073096) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (49744) **10.40** Film: Dracula AD 1972 (77282947) **12.30am-1.05** Married with Children (6837226) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6837226) **2.35** Cue the Music (6837226) **3.30** Sport AM (16771) **4.30** Country Ways (42232) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Film: Man on a String (5475725) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5073096) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (367) **6.30-7.00** The Friday Documentary (947) **10.40** Head to Head (407638) **11.40-1.05am** Film: The Magician (105763) **2.05** The Big E (3600752) **3.05** Film: Friendly Enemies (235969) **4.45** Rocksport (17050-428) **5.05** Challenge of the Seas (6955416)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Film: A Cry for Help (6789560) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (49744) **10.40** Kelly (5117378) **12.10am-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (9613348) **2.05** Raw Power (2133232) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4470023) **4.05** Sports World (34591597) **4.30** Riviera (42232) **5.00** Jobs (13232)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (500265) **2.15** Wish You Were Here..? (455116) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2076454) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5073096) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (49744) **10.40** Westwise (627454) **11.15-1.05am** Film: The Haunting Passion (474831) **2.05** Raw Power (2133232) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4470023) **4.05** Sportsworld (34591597) **4.30** Riviera (42232) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (13232)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45pm-3.10 Film: Man on a String (5475725) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5073096) **5.55** Calendar (510947) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (947) **10.40** Musical Routes (627454) **11.10** Married...with Children (520218) **11.40-1.05am** Film: The Magician (105763) **2.05** The Big E (3600752) **3.05** Film: Friendly Enemies (235969) **4.45** Rocksport (17050-428) **5.05** Challenge of the Seas (6955416)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast **9.00** You Bet Your Life (32657) **9.30** Ysgolion (718763) **12.00** Parliament (13831) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (39367) **1.00** Lift Off (24096) **1.30** Close to Home (38638) **2.00** Film: Everybody's Baby — The Rescue of Jessica McClure (72831) **3.30** Harriet's Dilemma (6199947) **3.55** Birdscape (6174638) **4.25** Slot 23 **5.00** Countdown **5.30** Brookside (116) **6.00** News; Heno (111580) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8980) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (473) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (4928) **8.30** News **8.55** I'r Bur Hoff Bau (250560) **9.45** San Steffan (164247) **10.00** Nurses (14560) **10.30** Absolutely (659164) **11.05** Love Weekend Launch **11.10** The Word (281812) **12.10am** Love in the USA (4791313) **12.55** Nights (7314435) **1.10** Get a Grip on Sex (7698503) **1.40** Carnal Knowledge (8293058) **2.10** Dream Doll (3023416) **2.20** Film: The Frog Prince (801526)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36329473) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5721305) **9.10** Cartoons (8488183) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (77541) **10.00** Strike it Rich (43657) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (46183) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (62270) **12.00** Falcon Crest (67164) **1.00pm** E Street (73386) **1.30** Another World (5086637) **2.15** Santa Barbara (695980) **2.45** Maude (694251) **3.15** The New Leave it to Beaver (691184) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (7131170) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6541) **6.00** Rescue (3183) **6.30** E Street (7763) **7.00** Alf (7270) **7.30** Family Ties (3947) **8.00** Code 3 (3218) **8.30** Alien Nation (62473) **9.30** WWF Wrestling (41270) **10.30** Studs (47812) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (83763) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (74676) **9.30** Nightline (79763) **10.30** 48 Hours (37299) **11.30** Business Report (29299) **1.30pm** Good Morning America (32744) **2.30** Parliament (40980) **3.30** The Lords (66299) **5.00** Live at Five (69305) **7.30** 48 Hours (108251) **10.30** Nightline (52164) **11.30** ABC News (48473) **12.30am** 48 Hours (71329) **1.30** ABC News (51394) **2.30** Travel Destinations (63232) **3.30** ABC News (51077) **5.30** ABC News

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2664102)
10.00 Batman — The Movie (1966): Starring Adam West and Burt Ward (82473)
12.00 Papa's Delicate Condition (1963): A father drinks too much (58589)
2.00pm Judith (1965): Sophia Loren tries to find the husband who betrayed her (16454)
4.00 Silent Movie (1976): Comedy starring Mel Brooks (37657)
5.30 Xposure (8638)
6.00 Batman — The Movie (as 10am) (74722218)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (153893)
8.00 I Love You To Death (1990): Tracey Ullman tries to murder her husband (23203947)
9.40 US Top Ten (851657)
10.00 Marked For Death (1990): Steven Seagal takes on Jamaican drug dealers (635980)
11.35 The Octagon (1980): Chuck Norris takes on the ninja organisation (427218)
1.20am Strangers (1991): A businessman falls for a psychotic women (3688431)
2.45 The Face of Fear (1990): A psychic helps to track down a serial killer (479435)
4.15 Blue Heat (1990): Undercover detectives discover corruption in the force (453787). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.30pm Raffles (1939): David Niven plays the cat-burglar (90164)
8.00 My Darling Clementine (1946): Henry Fonda stars as a Wyatt Earp (99725)
10.00 Nightmare in Badham County (1976): Two girls are kidnapped by white slavers (932270). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.25am Autumn Leaves (1956): A lonely woman falls for a younger man (63142367)
9.15 April Morning (1988): A boy comes of age on the eve of the American revolution (47863102)
11.00 Fire in the Dark (1991): Olympia Dukakis plays an aging woman (71580)
1.00pm Held Hostage (1991). Story of a woman's campaign to free her husband (40560)
3.00 The Time Game: A boy is sent to live with his grandfather in the country (59589)
5.00 Memphis (1991): A black boy is kidnapped by a racist gang (41638)
7.00 Arachnophobia (1990): Jeff Daniels takes on the spiders (87589)
9.00 Music Box (1989): A daughter discovers things about her father (52037015)
11.10 Once Around (1990): A girl falls for a time share salesman (267638)
1.10am Deadly Desire (1991): Jack Scalia gets involved with a beautiful woman (864042)
2.45 A Show of Force (1990): A journalist investigates murder (910961)
4.25 Billion Dollar Hobo (1978): A man must become a tramp to inherit (343961). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY SPORTS
6.00am Test Match Cricket (7062893) **11.30** World Sports Special (43034) **12.00** European League Round-Up (57386) **1.00pm** Surfing Pro Tour (66034) **2.00** The Boot Room (84928) **3.00** Redline (14522) **4.00** Test Match Cricket (8305) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (46270) **7.00** Test Match Cricket (94893) **9.00** PGA Golf — Bob Hope Classic (687589) **12.00** Test Match Cricket (55684771) **3.45-6.00am** Test Match Cricket (45831139)

EUROSPORT
6.30am Skiing (31270) **8.00** Step Aerobics (19638) **8.30** Skiing (56367) **10.00** Step Aerobics (78367) **10.30** Trans World Sport (84367) **11.30** Skiing (93657) **12.30** Basketball — European Clubs Championships (98102) **2.00pm** Tennis (960283) **5.00** Skiing (4638) **6.00** 1994 Winter Olympics — Lillehammer: One Year Before (88893) **7.30** Kick Boxing (59034) **8.30** News (9893) **9.00** Boxing (25638) **10.30** Skiing (37454) **11.30** News (67251)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Heineken Classic (93386) **8.00** Ladies Pro Bowling (94015) **9.00** The Bowling World Cup (48706) **10.00** Pro Kick (20218) **11.00** Global Adventure Sport (40947) **11.30** Athletics (63657) **1.30pm** Monster Trucks (35164) **2.00** Mobil 1 Indoor Athletics (84299) **3.30** The Mountain Bike Show (7541) **4.00** Football Holland (31299) **5.00** White Water Rafting (7676) **5.30** NHL Review (39386) **6.30** NBA Action (7305) **7.00** World Sports Special (7812) **7.30** Golf (22980) **8.30** Pro Muay Thai (30265) **9.30** Pro Box USA (90560) **10.30** AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (69164) **12.30am** Spanish Football (47961) **1.30** NHL — All Star Game (90329) **3.30** NHL Review (15619) **4.30-6.00am** European Snooker League (30313)

UK GOLD
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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air with Chris de Souza. Pfitzner (Scherzo); Bruckner (Helgoland); Debussy (Rhapsodie); Brahms (Piano Sonata No 1 in C)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Saint-Saëns's Years at the Madeleine. Crises and Farewells. With Richard Langham Smith and Jean-Michel Nictoux. Cello Sonata No 1 in C (Lowri Blake, cello, Caroline Palmer, piano); Requiem (Soloists; Choir and Orchestra of the Ile de France under Jacques Mercier)
10.05 Morning Sequence: Purcell (The Fairy Queen, Act 4 Symphony: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie); Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave. SNO under Alexander Gibson); Maxwell Davies (Image Reflection Shadow: Fires of London); Purcell (Music of the Night, The Fairy Queen. Les Arts Florissants under William Christie); Debussy (Nocturnes: French National Radio Chorus and Orchestra under Jean Martinon); Purcell (Music of the Seasons, The Fairy Queen: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie)
12.00 Schubert: Intimations and Ecstasies. Anne Collins, contralto, Paul Hamburger, piano, perform Memnon; Die Götter Griechenlands; Sehnsucht (D636); An den Mond in einer Herbstnacht; Der Wanderer an den Mond; An den Mond (D296); Auflösung; Auf dem See; Im Freien; Im Walde (D708) (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester, live from the Concert Hall, New Broadcasting House. Bernard Roberts plays Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 126); Schubert (Sonata in C minor, D958)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World at the 1992 Aberdeen International Youth Festival. The Strasbourg Conservatoire Chamber Orchestra under Etienne Bardon plays music by Lutoslawski, Prokofiev, Debussy and Shostakovich
3.20 Reykjavik Wind Quintet performs Danzi (Quintet in A, Op 68 No 1); Milhaud (La cheminée du roi René); Thorkell Sigurdbjörnsson (Icelandic Folk Songs); Hindemith (Kleine Kammermusik) (r)
4.15 Takemitsu: Kazuhito Yamashita, guitar, plays Folios No 1, 2 and 3
4.30 From Lake Victoria to the Great Rift Valley: John Low with music from western Kenya
5.00 In Tune: music and news with Richard Baker and guest Dame Ninette de Valois
7.30 Lutoslawski Live. A concert celebrating the eightieth birthday of Witold Lutoslawski, from the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. The BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, performs Lutoslawski (mi-Parti); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G); Shostakovich (Symphony No 10). In the interval at **8.30 Stalin, Stalin and Stalin** by Jonathan Treitel
9.45 The Big Thicket: Edward Swift tells stories of his Texan childhood
9.55 Chromatic Madrigals: Anthony Rooley explores experimental music of Renaissance Italy with madrigals by Gesualdo, d'India, Marenzio, Nenna
10.45 A Future for Their Past
● CHOICE: To gather the material for his important documentary, Christopher Hope, a South African writer whose novels reflect aspects of apartheid, returned to his native land to discover how the crumbling of the hated system was impacting on his fellow writers, black and white. Nadine Gordimer, J M Coatzee and Sipho Sepamla head a distinguished company, and the picture that emerges is that of a body of liberated, imaginative writers increasingly preoccupied with South Africa's cleaner, pre-apartheid past. Coatzee alone fears that the baby may be thrown out with the bath water
11.30 Midnight Oil with Sarah Walker
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (Except in Scotland. As broadcast this afternoon on R5)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping
6.00 News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today *6.25 Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Clare Short MP chooses her records (s) (r)
9.45 Loss of Innocence: Misha Glenny talks about his life-long love affair with Eastern and Central Europe
10.00 Hindsight (FM only)
● CHOICE: To learn why the Duke of Wellington opted to be buried in six coffins, like some Russian doll, we must wait until next Friday's dip into this historical bran-tub. Meanwhile, today, we hear about the Canadians who used to cut up and boil playful puppies to get the poultice which they imagined would restore mobility to frozen joints, and about the Canadian prime minister who, when he wasn't taking advice about his political future from the spirit of the departed Franklin D. Roosevelt, was making contact with his two dead pet dogs
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 A Confession (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Clare Jenkins looks at hobbies. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme: Presented by Jessica Holm
12.00pm You and Yours with Linda Lewis
12.25 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Cox
1.40 The Archers (s) (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Classic Serial: Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert with Nicola Pagett, Stephen Moore and Clive Swift (s)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Author Joanna Trollope looks at the history of the romantic novel from medieval poetry, through the gothic novel of the 18th century to the present day with Mills and Boon, saga blockbusters and traditional stories (s)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope from Glasgow: reviews Tom Courtenay opening in *Moscow Stations* at the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh; considers a competition to provide Glasgow with a tower as a symbol for the new millenium; and Jools Holland plays live in the studio (s)
4.45 Short Story: Bill Sprockett's Land by Elizabeth Jolley. Read by Stan Pretty
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places with Janet Trewin (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Pick of the Week: Chris Serle a selection of extracts from radio and television over the last week (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Vivian White and guests Harriet Harman, MP, shadow chief secretary to the treasury; Michael Forsyth, MP, employment minister; Sir Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Abbey National Building Society; and Melanie Phillips, assistant editor of *The Guardian*, tackle the issues raised in Rudheath, Cheshire
8.50 Law in Action with Marcel Berlin
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Manchester RIP? (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.58** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: An Evil Cradling: Brian Keenan reads from his account of his four and a half years as a hostage in Lebanon (5 of 10)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy with The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Neil Kinnock **7.00** The Singer and the Song **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Louise Denny **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme with Martin Kelner **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5

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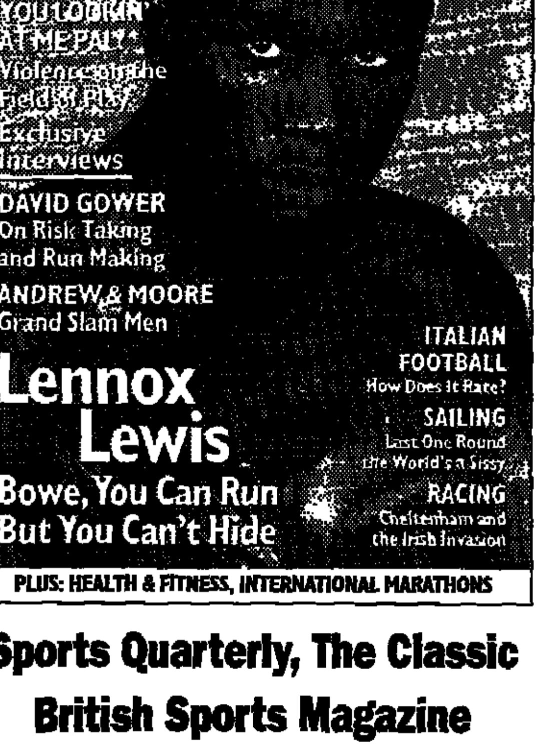
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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Mozart (Violin Concerto No 5); Alwyn (Elizabethan Dances) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **9.00** Classic FM Concert: Royal Liverpool Po under Mackerras performs Musorgsky (Night on the Bare Mountain); Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme); Mozart (Symphony No 34) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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Gooch cries off minutes before start of second Test in Madras

Illness hampers England

BY JOHN GOODBODY, PETER BALL AND HARVEY ELLIOTT

GRAHAM Gooch, Mike Gatting and Robin Smith, England's three senior batsmen, all missed at least some of the first day of the second Test against India in Madras yesterday because dietary advice from a leading London specialist was not heeded.

Gooch, the captain, was forced to withdraw from the game, while Gatting and Smith hope to play today after spending yesterday recuperating from food poisoning they suffered after eating either prawns or chicken from a Chinese restaurant in their five-star hotel.

Dr Tony Hall, who accompanied the England team to India for the 1987 World Cup and works at the London Hospital of Tropical Diseases, sent the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) an advice sheet before Christmas. In it, Hall wrote: "Do not eat in Chinese or French resurants because food poisoning often occurs." On food and drinks to be avoided, Hall listed "fish, especially shell fish."

Gooch and Gatting suffered diarrhoea from eating prawns in a Chinese restaurant at the Taj Coromandel, where they were in a party of ten people dining after the pre-Test team meeting. Smith became ill while eating chicken that he ordered in his room from the Chinese restaurant.

The TCCB yesterday in London insisted that the guidelines from Dr Hall had been circulated to the team at the beginning of the tour. However, Bob Bennett, the tour manager, last night declined to confirm whether the party had been given all the guidelines from Dr Hall.

Sources in the England party said players had been advised not to eat unfamiliar foods and to have cooked foods where possible but claimed that there were no specific exclusions. Dr Hall's offer of a guide to medication was declined. Keith Fletcher, the England team manager, defended his players by saying: "I do not see how you can go through India and not eat Chinese food. Chinese and Indian food are the two things they cook well in this part of the world. I have eaten regularly in Chinese restaurants on this trip and have had no ill-effects."

Dr Ron Behrens, a colleague of Dr Hall at the London Hospital for Tropical Disease's travel clinic, said: "Anyone who goes to India has a one-in-two chance of getting a stomach upset. There are simply more flies, more bacteria and more microbes about in India than in this country.

"The England team members could even have caught cholera by eating prawns. All seafood filters water and because prawns live in shallow waters into which sewage is directly pumped and are very efficient in filtering the water, they retain all kinds of bacteria. All outbreaks of cholera originate from seafood and that is why we always advise people not to eat seafood."

He added that he would be "astounded" if they had not received advice on this and added that he hoped that none of them had contracted hepatitis "which would make them very ill for a long time".

The England management said they were quite happy with the medical arrangements made for them on the tour despite a catalogue of illnesses during the past seven weeks. The party touring India have, as is customary, taken a physiotherapist but not a doctor. However, John Turner, a Pontefract physician, who is a member of a group of England supporters following the tour, was contacted by Bob Bennett, the England manager, on Christmas Eve and asked if he would be available if needed.

The party have also got a supply of kettles, tea and tinned food, which they have eaten during the trip, particularly for lunch at grounds.

However, the preparations of the England cricket team contrast with those of the England football team, who, for more than 30 years, have taken a doctor, as well as a physyiotherapist. In addition, the Football Association often sends its own cook, when food is expected to be unsatisfactory. A spokesman for the FA said: "All players take their meals together and the hygiene and nutritional value of the food's preparation is carefully monitored by the doctor. It is not just the hygiene. It is whether the food is suitable for athletes."

Food like rice pudding, baked beans and cereals are also sent out for internationals and tournaments. The spokesman said: "If you are approaching the game on the pitch in a professional manner, you should also approach it in a professional manner off the pitch."



Sad retreat: Gooch trudges away from the nets after deciding that he is too ill to take any part in the second Test

Andrew upset over loss of England place

Peter Bills talks to the man who lost his England place yesterday

THE England rugby selectors yesterday made two changes to the team to play Scotland in the five nations' championship at Twickenham next month.

Rob Andrew, England's most-capped outside half, and Ian Hunter, the wing, have been dropped to the replacements following the defeat by Wales, which cost England the chance of a third successive grand slam. Stuart Barnes, of Bath, has come in for Andrew and Hunter is replaced on the wing by Tony Underwood.

For Andrew, who has made 52 appearances for England and has been first-choice outside half since March 1988, the selectors' decision was bewildering. "I do not feel I had a particularly poor game against Wales," Andrew, 29, said yesterday.

"But people have been looking around for the reasons why we lost in Cardiff and myself and Ian seem to have borne the brunt. People will probably be surprised that has happened and I admit I am.

"I have an overriding feeling of enormous disappointment. But for a couple of refereeing decisions, one of which cost us seven points, and our misfortune in finishing when we might have scored four tries, none of this would have happened. But those incidents were not anything of my doing."

Andrew, a chartered surveyor, is also perplexed by the timing of the announcement. England do not play again until March 6, by which time Andrew will have played his first two senior matches for Wasps this season following his 120-day qualification period on his return to England from France.

He reappears for Wasps, the Courage Clubs Championship leaders, against London Irish tomorrow and in a Pilkington Cup quarter-final tie at West Hartlepool on February 27.

"It is all quite ironic," Andrew said. "I have been out for four months and yet played four internationals in that time. The week I am available again for club rugby, they announce I am dropped."

The England side was not expected to be announced until February 28.

"I do not feel I have played any better or worse than the majority of the England side in the five nations' championship this season," Andrew said. "The decision was a complete shock.

"In the divisional championships, I effectively secured my place and yet, two games later, after performances by the whole side that have been a little indifferent, I am axed."

The decision could not have come at a worse time for Andrew. Barring injury, Barnes will retain his place for the remainder of the season and is in an ideal position to press his claims for British Isles selection at Andrew's expense.

"I just hope I am given another chance as soon as possible," Andrew said. "This has got to have an effect on my Lions chances. They would obviously have been that much stronger had I been in the side but I still hope to be involved.

"Stuart will be delighted and I wish him well. We have had an intense rivalry over a number of years but it has never affected our personal relationship and there is no reason why this should either."

Barnes selected, page 40



Barnes: replaces Andrew

Depleted England in tight corner

FROM PETER BALL IN MADRAS

GRAHAM Gooch has no use for excuses and little regard for sympathy. Yet even he must have felt that the fates were against him on the first day of the second Test here yesterday, as illness struck his team again and India scored 275 for two.

For the second Test in a row, England were forced to change their line-up on the morning of the match, this time losing their captain and inspiration. To compound matters, Alec Stewart, on his Test debut as captain, lost the toss on a splendid batting pitch. Even then fate had not finished with England. By the close, three of the team were out of action and four substitutes had put in an appearance.

Gooch woke up to find himself stricken with food poisoning following a Chinese meal the previous evening. A short net revealed that he was too ill to take any part. By lunch, Smith and Gatting, another victim of the Chinese meal, were both out of action. By tea Lewis had gone too, but he at least was the victim of injury, a pulled thigh muscle.

Stewart, having enough to do, gave up the gloves and as a result, Blakey came in as Gooch's replacement to bat at No. 6. The England batting line-up may turn out to be a prolific one when the time comes but if the omission of Atherton looked a dubious decision on Wednesday, it looked deliberately perverse yesterday.

Sidhu, Kambli and Tendulkar took the opportunities on offer in their different ways. Yet England again bowled well without luck. On another day they might have had two or three wickets by lunch. Malcolm generated a high pace and Lewis too bowled with aggression and took the only wicket of the morning as he got one to bounce and leave Prabhakar.

But by lunch India had seen the worst. England's belief that Kambli would be vulnerable to pace had not been proved. Instead, with Sidhu as sheet-anchor reaching a stodgy but invaluable century, his third in Tests, in 355 minutes, Kambli, until Hick induced a mistake, and Tendulkar were free to play their strokes.

MADRAS SCOREBOARD

India won toss

INDIA: First innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M Prabhakar c Blakey b Lewis *Edged lifting ball to keeper*	27	0	1	74	60
N S Sidhu not out	104	0	9	373	250
V G Kambli lbw b Hick *Playing half forward*	59	0	6	142	94
S R Tendulkar not out	70	0	11	153	146
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 8)	15				
Total (2 wkts, 373 mins, 90 overs)	275				

*M Azharuddin, P K Amre, Kapil Dev, †K S More, A Kumble, R K Chauhan and S L V Raju to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41 (Sidhu 11), 2-149 (Sidhu 52)

BOWLING: Malcolm 16-5-31-0 (w 2) (6-3-12-0, 5-2-9-0, 5-0-10-0); Jarvis 18-4-47-0 (3-0-15-0, 5-2-5-0, 5-2-19-0, 4-0-8-0); Lewis 11-1-40-1 (nb 5) (8-1-25-1, 3-0-15-0); Tufnell 18-0-62-0 (nb 6) (1-0-5-0, 8-0-35-0, 9-0-22-0); Hick 18-1-51-1 (one spell); Salisbury 9-1-39-0 (one spell).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50: 90 mins, 18 overs. Lunch 69-1 (Sidhu 16, Kambli 15). 25 overs. 100: 170 mins, 35.4 overs. 150: 224 mins, 47.3 overs. Tea 170-2 (Sidhu 64, Tendulkar 9), 54 overs. 200: 271 mins, 62.2 overs. 250: 325 mins, 79 overs. New ball taken after 83.2 overs at 264-2.

Sidhu 50: 215 mins, 132 balls, 5 fours. 100: 362 mins, 244 balls, 9 fours.
Kambli 50: 127 mins, 84 balls, 4 fours.
Tendulkar 50: 109 mins, 103 balls, 8 fours.

ENGLAND: *A J Stewart, R A Smith, G A Hick, M W Gatting, N H Fairbrother, †R J Blakey, C C Lewis, I D K Salisbury, P W Jarvis, P C R Tufnell, D E Malcolm.

Umpires: V K Ramaswamy and Professor R S Rathore.

PREVIOUS MATCH: First Test: India won by eight wickets (in Calcutta).

MATCH TO COME: Feb 19-23: Third Test (Bombay).

FC Bruges succeed with appeal

FC BRUGES yesterday won their appeal against having to play their European Champions' League fixture with Rangers on March 3 in an empty stadium.

The Belgian champions had been ordered to stage the game behind closed doors after disturbances by their supporters during a match in the same competition against Marseilles in France in December.

After hearing Bruges's case in Geneva, the appeals board of Uefa, European football's governing body, changed the penalty and instead fined the club SwFr250,000 (£111,250), one of the heaviest fines it has imposed.

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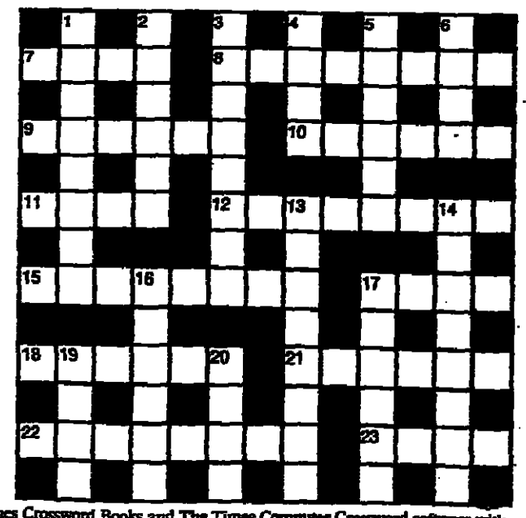


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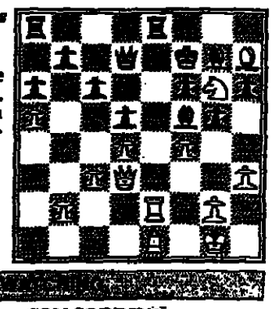
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Today's position is from the game Pandavos — Skembris, Greece 1992. White's queen and bishop are both threatened. Is he in trouble?

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WORDS

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SMETANA
a. A Hungarian dance
b. Sour cream
c. A brightly coloured long skirt

MESONOMIC
a. A middling jural relation
b. Living inland
c. Having a middle name

CON SORDINO
a. With sardines
b. Emotionally
c. With the mute

PELOID
a. Gigantic, titanic
b. Muddy
c. With shaggy fur

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